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Shanghai Railway Disasters

Three People Killed And 10 Injured

Shanghai, Mar. 28.—Three persons were killed and more than 10 injured in two railway accidents yesterday morning along the Shanghai-Hangchow and Shanghai-Woosung railway lines, it was revealed today.

The first disaster, in which a stoker and a woman passenger were killed on the spot and seven others seriously injured, occurred when an express collided with a Nanking-bound train just outside Shanghai's main station.

Both locomotives were badly damaged and required several hours to be removed from the tracks.

The second accident took place early yesterday morning, when a large military truck was hit by a speeding train at a crossing near Changshuwan, on the Shanghai-Woosung railway.

The truck driver was killed instantaneously and three passengers on the vehicle were seriously injured.—Reuter.

Soviet Sentries Attack Tommies

Vienna, Mar. 27.—Two British Army corporals were knocked down, kicked and struck by Soviet sentries outside the Russian-occupied Hotel Imperial in Vienna, an official British statement said tonight.

The corporals—Douglas Thompson and Ronald Hudson—were walking past the hotel when Thompson "unwittingly" stepped inside the barrier, the statement said.

The Russian sentry shouted but Thompson could not understand, and the sentry rushed on him, knocking him down with a rifle butt. When Hudson pushed the sentry aside, other Russian soldiers rushed out of the hotel, knocked the two men down, kicked and struck them and left them lying stunned in the gutter.

Austrian police picked them up later and handed them over to the international patrol. It was added.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Need For More Volunteers

REGISTRATION for the Hongkong Defence Force and its auxiliary units, while steady, can hardly be claimed to have reached expectations. Latest figures show that a total of 2,700 citizens have indicated their desire to join one of the branches of the Force, compared with a target of 6,000. The Hongkong Regiment, to which the Authorities attach so much importance, is still 300 short of battalion strength, and which, after attestation has been carried out, may be only half that strength. Most striking feature of registration to date is the obvious reluctance of Europeans to volunteer their services. Chinese are overwhelmingly in the majority which, from one point of view may be considered an encouraging sign, inasmuch that it indicates the Chinese citizen of Hongkong is prepared to help protect and safeguard the interests of the Colony, which also are his interests. But again there remains the formality of attestation and selection before it is possible to obtain accurate figures of Chinese participation in the new defence force, and the prospects are that it will take a long time to bring the force and its auxiliaries up to the desired total. Considerable doubt still exercises the mind whether sufficient vigour and enterprise is being shown by the Authorities in the task of attracting more men and women to the Force. At a recent press conference a spokesman went to some pains to emphasise that at the moment it was a registration and not a recruiting campaign that was in progress. That seems to be splitting hairs. Voluntary registration implies willingness to join the services; recruitment certainly does not imply any more compul-

sion. The registration system is a nice passive method of encouraging people to "sign on the dotted line," but it is very unlikely it can produce the same results as a well organised recruiting campaign. It has now been made clear that the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force will be required essentially for helping to maintain internal security in the event of trouble, and because internal security can be jeopardised without previous warning, it is obviously necessary to have available a properly trained security force at the earliest possible moment. On this ground alone it is imperative that the Defence Force be brought to its minimum strength without delay and that instruction in the task of dealing with disorders be started immediately. It is conceivable that in order to achieve this a recruiting drive will be necessary; nor can we see why the Authorities should balk at this. Recruiting has to be stimulated in England and elsewhere, and Hongkong is not likely to take any such campaign amiss. The Authorities have to convince the public that one of the urgent necessities of the times is a Volunteer Defence Force at full strength. The casual official approach to the subject which has been exhibited to date is not calculated to arouse that conviction, and, so long as the numerical strength of the Force lags, so much less is the Colony prepared to guard its internal security. If a recruiting campaign is going to be the means of arousing the public to their sense of duty, then let there be such a campaign, and with all the trimmings. The Authorities have nothing to lose, and much to gain.

NATIONALISTS' COMPROMISE

Britons Spend A Little Less Money On Gambling

London, Mar. 27.—Britons gambled £141,000,000 less last year than in 1947, according to the Churches Committee Review on Gambling. But just under 10,000,000—about 20 per cent of the total adult population—staked money on football pools. Twice as many men as women stake money in the pools. Horse racing, according to the Review, was a possible exception: more money was staked on totalisators, but these only represent a small percentage of the money gambled on horses and do not give an accurate picture. The Review stated that the decline in overall gambling totals—£650,000,000 in 1948 as compared with £791,000,000 in 1947—does not necessarily mean a decrease of interest among punters, nor indicate that fewer people went to the races. The total number of people attending races, including dog races, according to some statistics was slightly increased—but new taxes and severe weather cut down spending. An increased police vigilance and currency restrictions cut down Irish sweepstake totals.—Reuter.

Cripps Wrestling With Budget

London, Mar. 27.—Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was this weekend wrestling secretly with the astronomical figures of Britain's April 6 annual budget, sustained only by vegetarian diet and a five-hour sleep each night.

His Spartan routine gave no reflection of Britain's expected internal surplus of £200 million. It was more in the spirit of austerity compelled by the country's still menacing dollar famine.

In seclusion, somewhere in the West England country, the "Iron" Chancellor, who is regarded as Britain's most hard worked man, forsook work on his budget by only the briefest intervals. The discipline of his life is mostly not a matter of inclination. Vegetarianism was forced upon him by an illness. Now he finds he needs only half the sleep of his meat-eating days.

TOUGH DRILL

Sir Stafford was a sick man when he began the tough drill that brought him back to his extraordinary vigour. He still carries on with the routine. After a very hot bath, followed by a cold sponge down, he strides out on a brisk walk. Then he breakfasts off cereals, vegetables and fruit.

Parliamentarians have observed seriously that although Sir Stafford is held in great esteem, even by his political opponents, people tend to resent his vegetarianism.

It symbolises for them a cold, aloof personality. Such people have never met him. He is, in fact, one of the most approachable of political leaders. As the Indians, with whose struggles for independence he was so closely bound up soon discovered.—Reuter.

Death Of Man Who Translated Koran

Paris, Mar. 27.—Dr. Joseph Charles Mardrus, French Orientalist, translator of the Koran and the "Arabian Nights," died here today, aged 80.

Dr. Mardrus, a physician, took part in various scientific expeditions to the East and Morocco.—Reuter.

PEACE FORMULA

Concessions To Be Sought On 6 Points

Shanghai, Mar. 28.—Despite the Communist Radio's reiteration on Saturday night that the forthcoming peace talks would be based on the Communist leader, Mr Mao Tse-tung's, eight peace terms laid down in his January 14 statement, informed observers here expressed the belief that both sides would probably make concessions on more controversial points in an effort to achieve a settlement.

The Nationalists, it was thought, would urge that: Condition No. 1—the punishment of war criminals—be modified and to be limited to a complete elimination from Chinese politics of such leaders as had been ardent supporters and advocates of the civil war. Condition No. 2—the abrogation of the Constitution—be deferred until a new National Assembly could be elected. Condition No. 3—the abolition of the present political system—be implemented as soon as a Coalition Government has been formed.

Condition No. 4—the re-organisation of the army—be carried out on the principle of the nationalisation of the armed forces.

The Nationalist delegation may suggest that a sort of plebiscite be held among the troops themselves for or against remaining in the army.

Condition No. 5—the banning of "traitorous" treaties—be effected only after a careful study of the existing agreements. Condition No. 6, the banning of "reactionary" elements from the Political Consultative Conference—be given the most liberal interpretation possible to permit of the maximum number of Kuomintang members attending the projected Consultative Conference.

Conditions Nos. 5 and 6—the confiscation of bureaucratic capital and the enforcement of land reform—are expected to be accepted by the Nationalist delegates without discussion as similar measures often had been advocated by Nanking.

Observers consider the question of army reorganisation will be the major hurdle to be overcome in the peace talks.—Reuter.

ECONOMIC CHAOS
Shanghai, Mar. 28.—An exchange of views on China's chaotic, economic and financial situation was reported to have

GUN FIGHTS WITH BANDITS

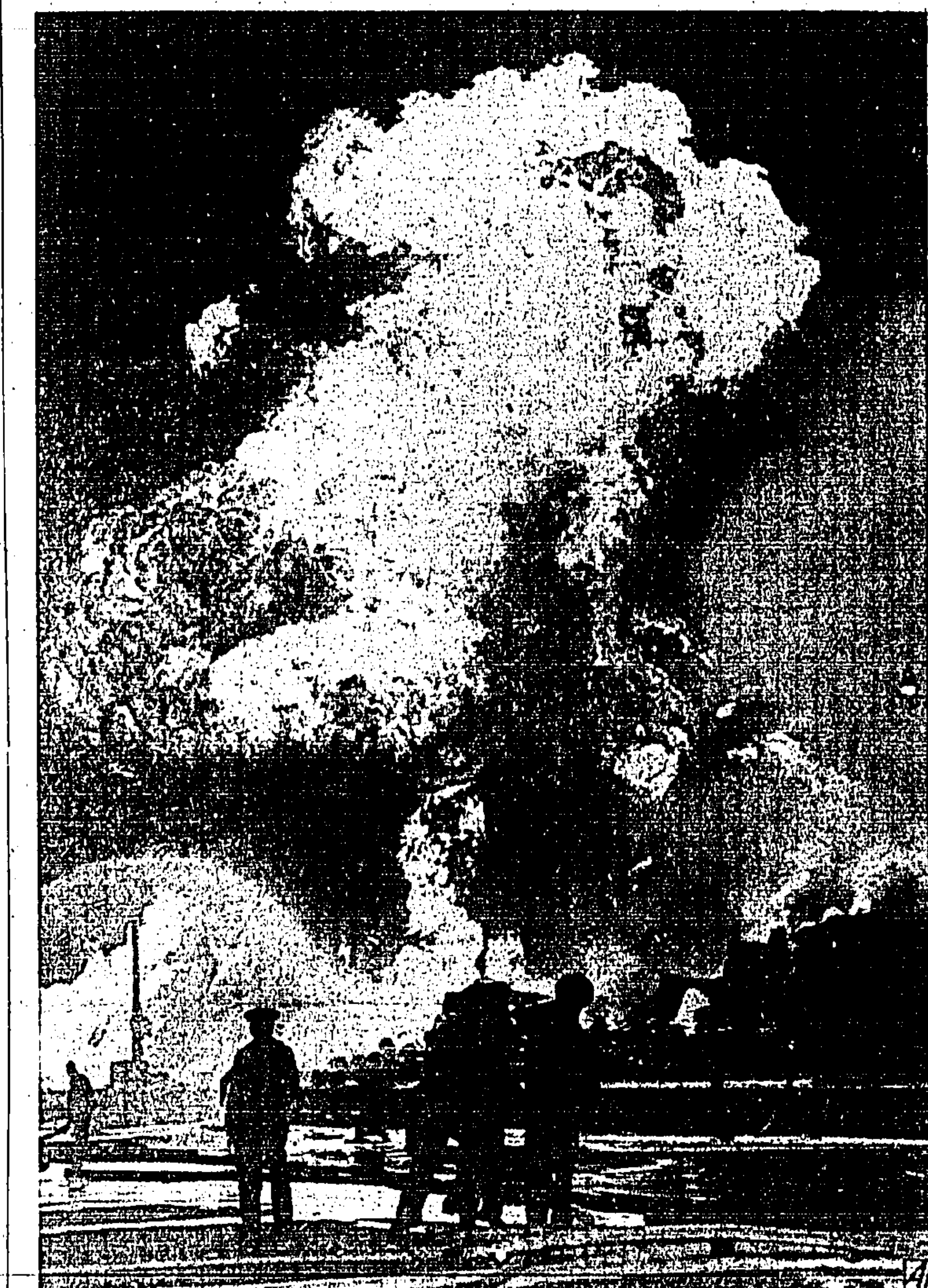
New York, Mar. 27.—A police patrolman was killed and two other policemen were wounded in gun fights with bandits in Astoria, Long Island, today. The gunman escaped temporarily but later the police announced that they had detained a man for questioning.

The gunman held up a liquor store and stole \$300. Two policemen in a radio car who answered a call to investigate the robbery, questioned the gunman near the store. He turned and ran into an underground railway station with the police officers in pursuit. In an exchange of shots, Patrolman Anthony Oltchier was killed.

The gunman ran back into the streets, where two more policemen stopped him. He drew his pistol and opened fire, wounding both.—Reuter.

Soong Not Aboard

Mr T. V. Soong was not among the passengers on board the ss Fatah which arrived in Hongkong at 8 a.m. today from Canton.



A spectator (foreground) starts to run and others are undecided when a ball of fire leaps upward as drums of turpentine and paint explode during a fire which swept the army's largest west coast pier at Oakland, California, causing damage estimated at more than a million dollars.—AP Picture.

TORNADO TOLL

29 Dead: Great Destruction

Tupelo, Mississippi, Mar. 27.—The toll from tornadoes that criss-crossed the south with suffering and destruction over the weekend reached 29 dead and nearly 150 injured today.

Weather experts believed that the vicious winds that first sprang from contrasting pressure areas on Thursday spent their fury after spinning their course through six states.

The last twister, one of the most violent, struck the small communities of Belden and Chesterfield near here last night. Two persons were killed and 20 injured. A third victim died today. That brought Mississippi's death-toll to nine.

NEGROES KILLED

Six negroes were killed when the tornado ripped through delta plantations in the Greenville area on Thursday night.

In Arkansas where a dozen communities in the southern and east-central parts of the state were shaken by the storms, the death toll stood at 17, with one killed in Texas and two at Crowder, Oklahoma.

Scores were picked up injured from the jagged wreckage of farm homes and outbuildings. Little Rock hospitals alone cared for 38 injured and 20 were brought here from Belden and Chesterfield storm scenes. Scores of others were made homeless and the damages figure ran into estimable thousands.—United Press.

Atlantic Pact To Be Signed This Week

Washington, Mar. 27.—Foreign Ministers of 10, perhaps 12, Western nations will gather here this week to sign the Atlantic Security Pact and open a new era of Western unity in the bitter power struggle with Russia.

Attempts are expected to be made to advance toward an agreement on four or more major international subjects. These involve Italian colonies, Western Germany, other regional alliances and Atlantic defence machinery.

Most of the European foreign policy leaders, among them Britain's Ernest Bevin and Robert Schuman of France, are due here about Thursday. But some are coming earlier and indications are that Foreign Minister Carlos Sforza of Italy might arrive on Monday.

These men and others, such as Dr Spaak of Belgium, are coming not only to sign the treaty but also to iron out, among themselves and with Secretary of State Dean Acheson, issues requiring action of the Western powers on other fronts of the cold war.

In this connection, it is understood here that many Western Europeans believe that the Atlantic powers should set up some kind of super military staff to evolve their joint strategy. The French, and possibly the British as well, would like to see a high-ranking American officer with a big name—a man like General Dwight D. Eisenhower or General George C. Marshall—in control of this staff.—Associated Press.

Switzerland To Stay Neutral

Rome, Mar. 27.—General Henry Giussan, Swiss Army Chief, told reporters in Rome that Switzerland will maintain its traditional armed neutrality despite the "uncertainty of the international situation."

He added, however, that Switzerland is improving its defence system "to discourage any attempted aggression."

"Switzerland can mobilise half a million men perfectly armed within six days," he declared.—Associated Press.

These issues include: 1.—The Italian colony problem in the United Nations. The major question is the kind of control for the colonies stripped from Italy as a result of the war. The issue is whether Italy should exercise a United Nations trusteeship over them, or whether some other kind of administration should be provided. 2.—Unification and development of Western Germany. This is a topic of primary concern for Mr Acheson, Mr Bevin and Mr Schuman. They are expected to take it up in a special but informal conference. 3.—What to do about regional alliances in other parts of the world outside the Atlantic area, particularly the Near East and Mediterranean area. Mr Bevin has already discussed this problem with Foreign Ministers of Greece and Turkey. He is known also to be interested in setting up some kind of machinery for

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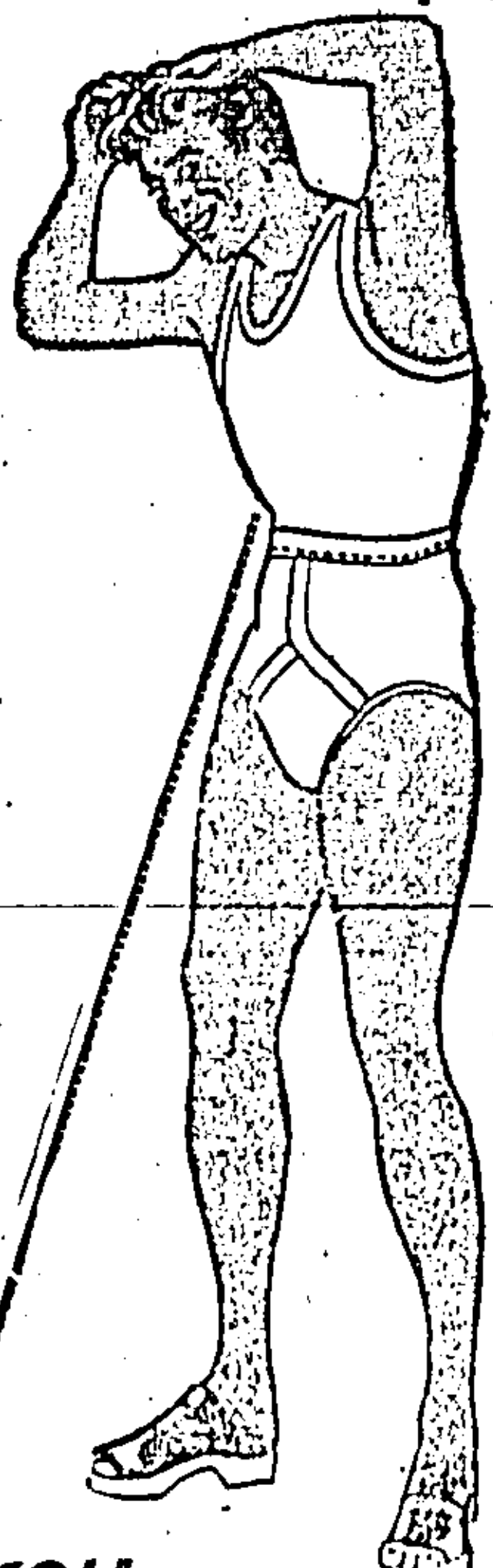
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PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs
taken by the South China
Morning Post and Hong Kong
Telegraph Staff Photographers
are on view in the
Morning Post Building.

ORDERS BOOKED.

WOMANSENSE

FLATTERING

Figure-flattering stripes come
into their own, as modelled by
this San Francisco miss. The
suit is of gabardine.

ORCHIDS ARE AIR EXPORTS

BY air to the Prince Chalmers-
bol of Siam recently went
a box of choice orchid plants
sent to him by a nursery at
Crowborough, Sussex. Within
the next few weeks, on almost
all BOAC flights, orchids will
be leaving London for Australia, there
will be rare orchid plants for
Australian fanciers.These plants are exported by
British nurseries not only to
Australia and Siam but to
dollar and other hard currency
areas.Worth £1 to £500 per
plant, the orchids are packed
in special lightweight boxes.
Orchids, like camels, carry
their own reserve of moisture—
the orchids in a "fat" bulb
above the roots. For their
journey they need little ex-
cept protective moss. The
orchids arrive by air at their
destinations in a matter of
days instead of in weeks, or
possibly months, if they had
travelled by surface transport.

Hybrid Descendants

Mr Hugh Low, a Scot by
birth and a distinguished
botanist, founded the Stuart
Low orchid house in 1830, and
the family subsequently search-
ed throughout the world for
new specimens, some coming
from countries to which their
hybrid descendants are now
exported. Later in the last
century Sir Hugh Low, British
Minister in Perak, Malay
Peninsula, himself a famous
botanist, sent home collections.
The family still carries on the
management of the nurseries.
Th life of the young orchid
begins in a seed on a piece of
jelly in a flask. After ten years
in a 70 degree temperature in
a humid atmosphere, and oc-
casional transplanting, the rare
blooms are finally produced.
Then comes the compensation—
a plant which flowers six
months in the year and, prop-
erly treated, may last for 100
years.

1949 diet builds the 'Juno Woman'

by EILEEN ASCROFT

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obtain advice on clothes suit-
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in privacy.American stores have offered
this kind of service for years.
TWO INCHES MORE
BUYERS in all parts of the
country report that women
are plumper than they were
prewar.

COULD YOU BARE YOUR SHOULDERS?

By JILL MORRISON

NEWEST fashions spotlight
your shoulders and neck.
London says so; Paris says so.
I say: Can you take this spot-
light? And does the rest of your
figure stand up to the emphasis
which fashion is putting on it?
In case your neck is your
weak point, here's the treat-
ment:Scrub the skin with circular
movements, using a soft nail
brush, soap and warm water.
Massage the neck every night
—one night with a bleaching
cream, the next with skinfood.
If you have spots on your neck,
use acne lotion.Maybe the skin of your neck
is all right, but you have a
roll of fat at the back. Do this:
With arms bent, clasp the
hands together in front of you.
Lower the head until the fore-
head touches the backs of the
fingers. Keeping the forehead
pressed against the fingers, lift
the elbows and push the head
up and back. Don't overstrain.
Repeat six times.

On Your Toes

Even with shorter skirts, the
spotlight is still on the ankles
—thanks to ankle-strap
shoes. The appearance of thick ankles
is helped by dark stockings and
a fairly high heel. Actual mea-
surements can be brought down
if you use running up and down
stairs as an exercise. Do it on
your toes.And when you're alone, do
it backwards. It brings the
use-to their advantage—mus-
cles you didn't know you own-
ed.Skirts that are smooth at the
front and sides show up
bulging thighs. Slim them this
way.
Grip the back of a chair with
the right hand for support. Put
the left leg behind you, grasp
the ankle with the left hand
and pull at it. Swing the leg
forward, grasp the ankle in
front of you and pull it up. Do
this six times. Repeat with the
other leg.

VICTORIAN TRAVELLERS

Two models, in Victorian costumes, wait at a London
railway station for a train to the Ideal Homes Exhibition
where they appear in a fashion show.

Be Sensible in Buying Shoes

Perfect for resort wear are these sandals of brown and white kid with
a medium heel.

BL HELEN FOLLETT

SKIRTS long or skirts short, it
does not matter, the feet
must be comfortably and beauti-
fully shod. Even the teen-agers
have decided that it is best to
have lady-like feet instead of
clutchingly dressed ones. They
select casings that are neat and
classic in feeling, dispel the
notion that every high school
girl is a tomboy, that doesn't
care how she looks. Let us re-
joice that the silly period of blue
casings and shirt tails waving in
the breeze has gone.Very appropriate for this sea-
son of the year is the model with
the extension leather sole; it has
a nice tailored look. It keeps
your feet warm and comfortable
and you'll be less likely to get a
red nose, that which there is
nothing more terrible in the way
of beauty griefs. Dressy shoes
have lean, slender lines that
have no relationship to the old-
fashioned, portly shoe. Let the arms
swing easily and let up plenty
of fresh air; there won't be such
a drain on the rough compact.When you go shoe-shopping,
keep an eye out for comfort in
walking as well as looks. You
can find both ease and style if
you will seek that necessary
combination. Let us hope you
resist heels that measure three
and one-half inches. Economise
on inches and you'll be better off.
Extremely high heels can bring
trouble if you wear them all the
time.Too much of a lift at the rear
of your foot will throw the body
out of balance, especially if the
heels cause the foot to slant
down at an angle of thirty
degrees or more. This angular
position brings strain on the
metatarsal bones, crowding them
even lower. Toes are forced
into a huddle, and carry most
of the body weight which is
unfair.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Leek Soup for Dinner

"Oh, look at the leeks," I
exclaimed as the Chef un-
packed a bag of vegetables."You like leeks, Madame?"
queried the Chef. "In France
they are one of the most popu-
lar vegetables. We use them in
sauces, soups and stews, and
sometimes we steamboil like
asparagus and serve with a
nice drawn butter sauce.""Leeks are also used exten-
sively in England and Wales,"
I added. "They belong to the
onion family and are very easy
to grow. And their green tops
are just as valuable as the bulb
itself. You can just cut
off the tops if you like, and let
the bulbs grow more green
tops.""I like to boil the very small
leeks about 15 minutes, then
serve cold with French dress-
ing and a sardine for an ap-
petiser. They are also excel-
lent chopped and cooked in
cheese sauce for macaroni—or
to serve over poached eggs on
toast for luncheon, or for a
vegetable dinner. In France we
consider them very good for
the health."

Essential Minerals

"Indeed they are good," I
agreed. "For leeks contain a
small amount of Vitamin B
and C, as well as calcium and
other essential minerals. They
are really a vegetable tonic as
well as a savoury."They also taste magnificent in
a soup," said the Chef. "For
example, I thought we could
have for dinner a cream soup
of potatoes, leeks and plenty of
parsley.""Perfect for the first course of
a garden dinner," I said.

Dinner

Cream of Potato, Leek and
Parsley Soup
Vegetable Curry with Eggs
Pinkie Rice
Tossed Lettuce with Nuts
Ginger Fruit Squares
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Cream of Potato, Leek and Parsley Soup

Combine 3 c. peeled, sliced
potatoes, 2 sliced leeks, includ-
ing the green tops, and 3 c.
boiling water. Add ½ tsp. salt.
Cover and cook until the
vegetables are tender, about 20
min. Then rub through a
sieve. Add 3 c. scalded milk,
½ tsp. celery salt and ½ tsp.pepper. Bring to a slow boil.
Then cream together 2 tbsp.
butter or margarine and 2 tsp.
flour. Add ¼ c. of the hot
soup and stir until smooth.
Then return to the kettle
and cook and stir until
boiling point has been reached,
and the soup bubbles all over.
Serve garnished with a little
minced parsley, or a combina-
tion of minced parsley and ten-
der tops of the leeks.

Curried Vegetables with Eggs

Steam-boil or pressure cook
1½ lbs. cabbage cut in thick
slices, 1 lb. string beans, sliced
lengthwise, and 1 lb. carrots,
which have been peeled and
quartered. Meanwhile, hard
cook 4 eggs and prepare the
curry sauce. To serve, arrange
the vegetables on a platter,
the cabbage in the centre, the
carrots at one end, and the
beans opposite. Pour over
curry sauce. Garnish with nests
of rice containing the hard
cooked eggs, which should be
hot and cut in halves.Vegetable Curry Sauce: Melt
1 tbsp. butter or margarine; add
1 small, peeled crushed section
of garlic, and 1 medium-sized
onion sliced; slow-fry 2 min.
Then stir in 1½ tsp. curry pow-
der and ½ tsp. salt. Fry for
1 min. Last stir in 1½ c.
liquid drained from the cooked
vegetables; cook and stir until
boiling point is reached. Season
to taste with salt and pepper.

Tossed Lettuce with Nuts

Wash and crisp 1 medium-
sized head lettuce and shred
into bite-sized pieces. Use the
green outer leaves as well as
heart leaves. Toss with ½ c.
savory French dressing and
sprinkle with 3 tbsp. coarse-
broken walnuts or pecan meats,
or sliced Brazil nuts.Savoury French Dressing:
Combine 1 tsp. minced parsley,
1 tsp. minced chives, 1 tsp.
minced pimiento, ½ tsp. salt,
½ tsp. sugar and ¼ tsp. paprika.
Add ½ c. mild oil and beat in
2½ tsp. cider or wine vinegar.
This is sufficient to dress 2
salads.

Ginger Fruit Squares

Use a plain gingerbread re-
cipe, or 1 package gingerbread
mix. Add to the flour ½ c.
raisins or dried dried figs or
quartered dates, and finish as
usual. Transfer to a shallow
pan "7" x 11", and bake in
the moderate oven, 350 F. about 30
min. Serve warm or cold, cut in
squares, with orange sauce
poured over.

The Birth Bill: 13 brave wives prove the case

More than 200 M.P.s have taken action to stop the
British Government killing the Analgesia Bill which
would give mothers aids to make child-birth painless.
Here is the story at an experiment which brings support
to the arguments in favour of the Bill:THE Bill to provide
analgesia in childbirth
raises again the argument
about the seriousness of the
pain.Science has now rallied to the
support of the mothers, in an
ingenious series of experiments
reported in a medical journal.
Two American doctors, James D.
Hardy and Carl T. Javert, have
measured the pains of women
in labour. They had the co-
operation of 13 brave young
mothers-to-be, who volunteered
to undergo additional test pains
so that the suffering of future
mothers might be appreciated
and alleviated.

BEDSIDE TEST

As each of the volunteers
reached the time of delivery the
doctors set their pain meter up
by her bed. Following each
labour pain, they irradiated the
back of her hand and asked her
to tell them which was the
stronger, the labour pain or the
burning pain. They then ad-
justed the intensity of the heat
until the women reported that
the burning pain was exactly as
strong as her labour pain had
been.The experiments showed that
beginning with barely percep-
tible pains accompanying the
onset of labour, the severity of
the pains rose steadily. About
halfway through the first stage
of labour the pain passed the
halfway mark in the dol scale,
"a severe pain" in the esti-
mation of the doctors. At this
point most of the women asked
for analgesic relief.

BURNED HANDS

The women who carried on to
the end of the experiment
registered the absolute maximum
of pain sensation (between 10
and 10½ dots) in the second
stage of labour. These women
suffered burns which raised
blisters on the backs of their
hands.These results hand the lie to
those childless "authorities" who
boast the pains of child-
birth.The Journal of Clinical
Investigation.

George Glenwood

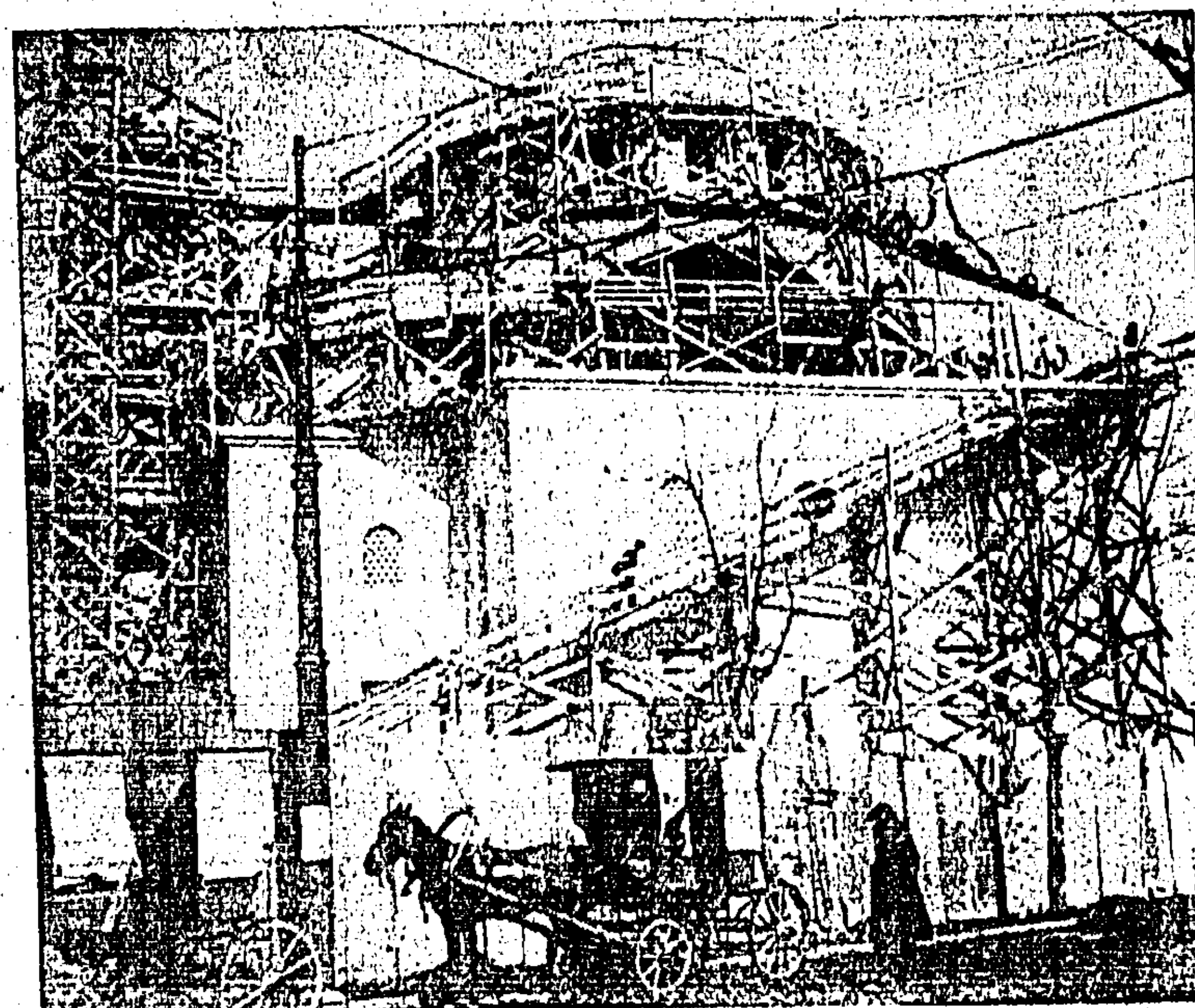
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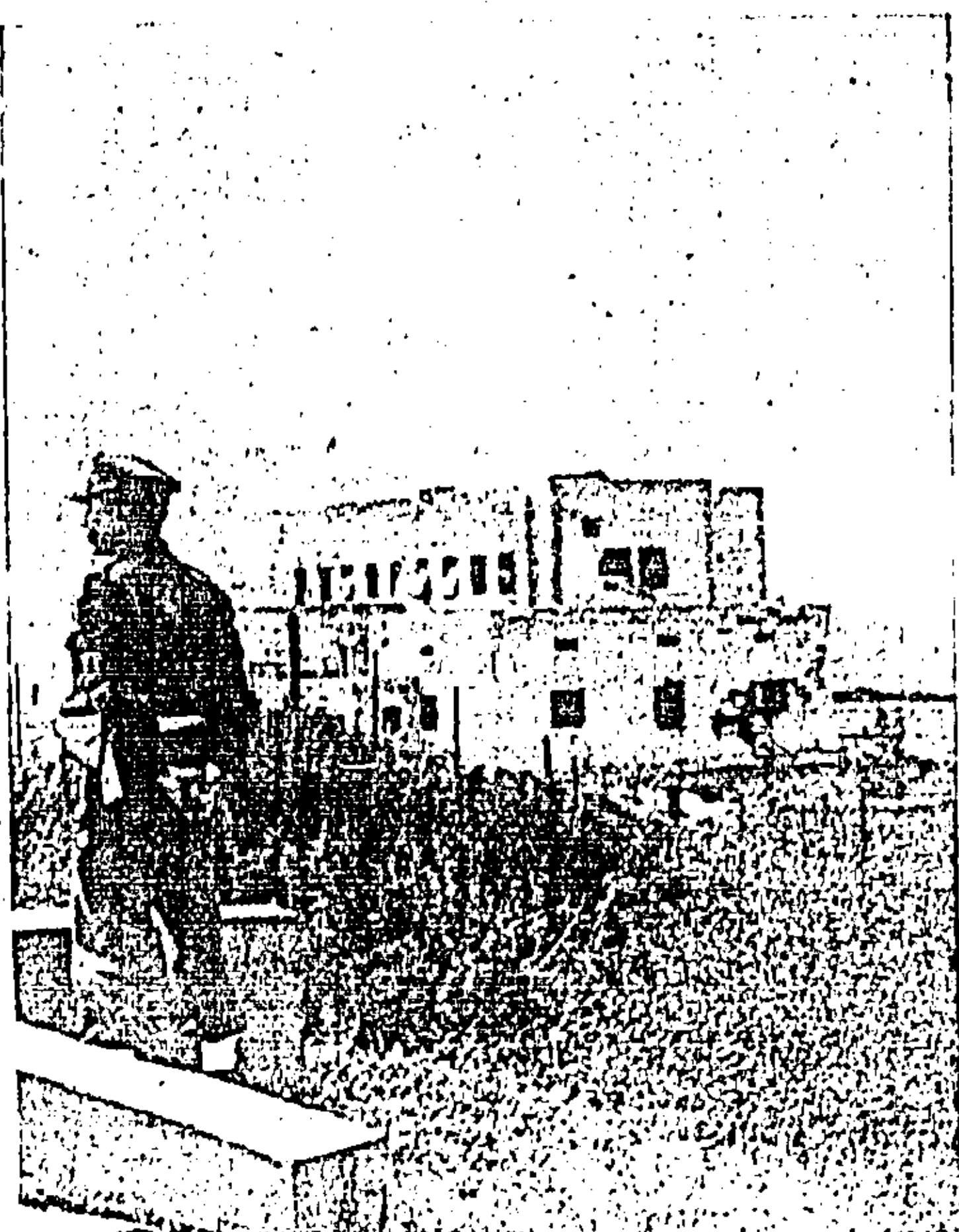
THE OLD AND THE NEW—After 42 years of being an extra in Hollywood studios, Betty Lawson, left, has retired. Claiming to be the oldest extra in point of service, Miss Lawson gave her make-up kit to Joan Evans, who has just finished her first film.



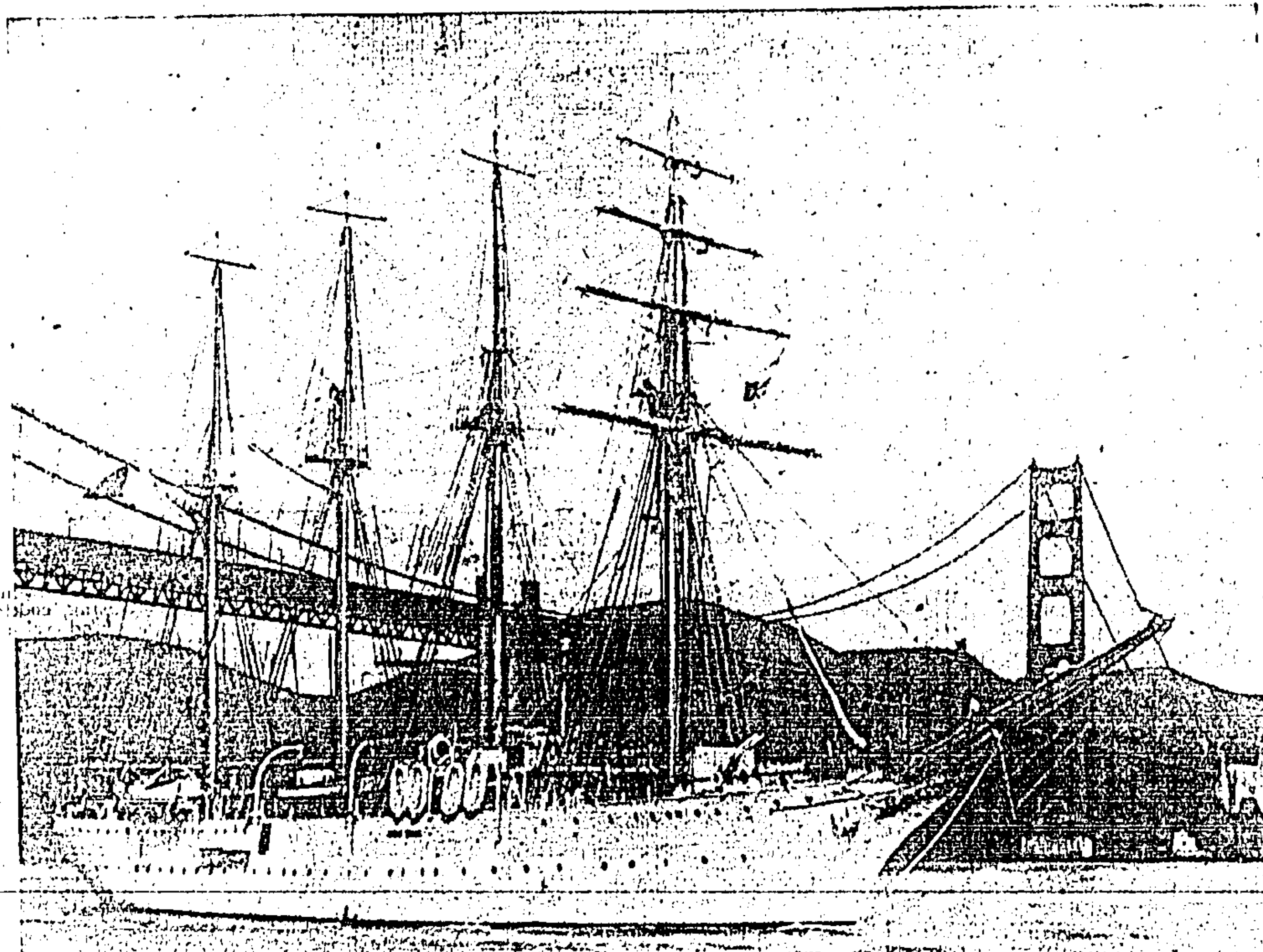
TALKING THINGS OVER—These Franciscan monks appear to be very happy as Pope Pius XII chats with them in the Papal reception hall at Vatican City. It was the thrill of a lifetime for these members of a Catholic biological convention.



FIRST IN 250 YEARS—Nearly completed in Istanbul, Turkey, is the Sisle Camii Mosque. The first major structure of its kind to be built in Turkey in the past 250 years, it has taken two years to complete at a cost of £87,500. The stone and marble being used are from the old Marmara Sea, the quarries of which were used by the sultans more than 1,000 years ago.



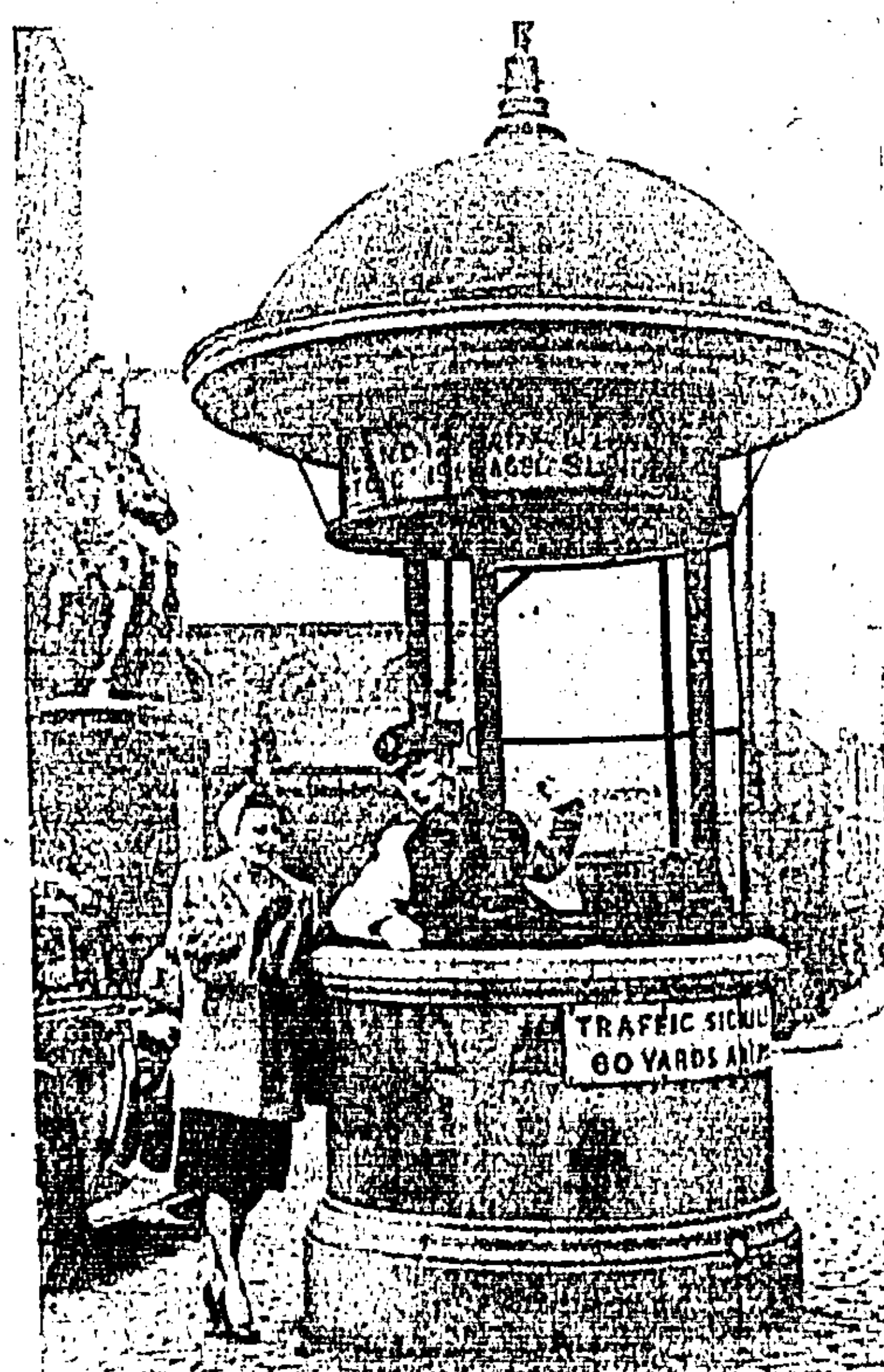
PEACE TALKS—This war-scarred police post at Ras El Nakura, on the Lebanese border, is the site of armistice negotiations between Israel and Lebanon. Savage battles between Arab and Israeli troops once took place where the Israeli policeman now stands guard.



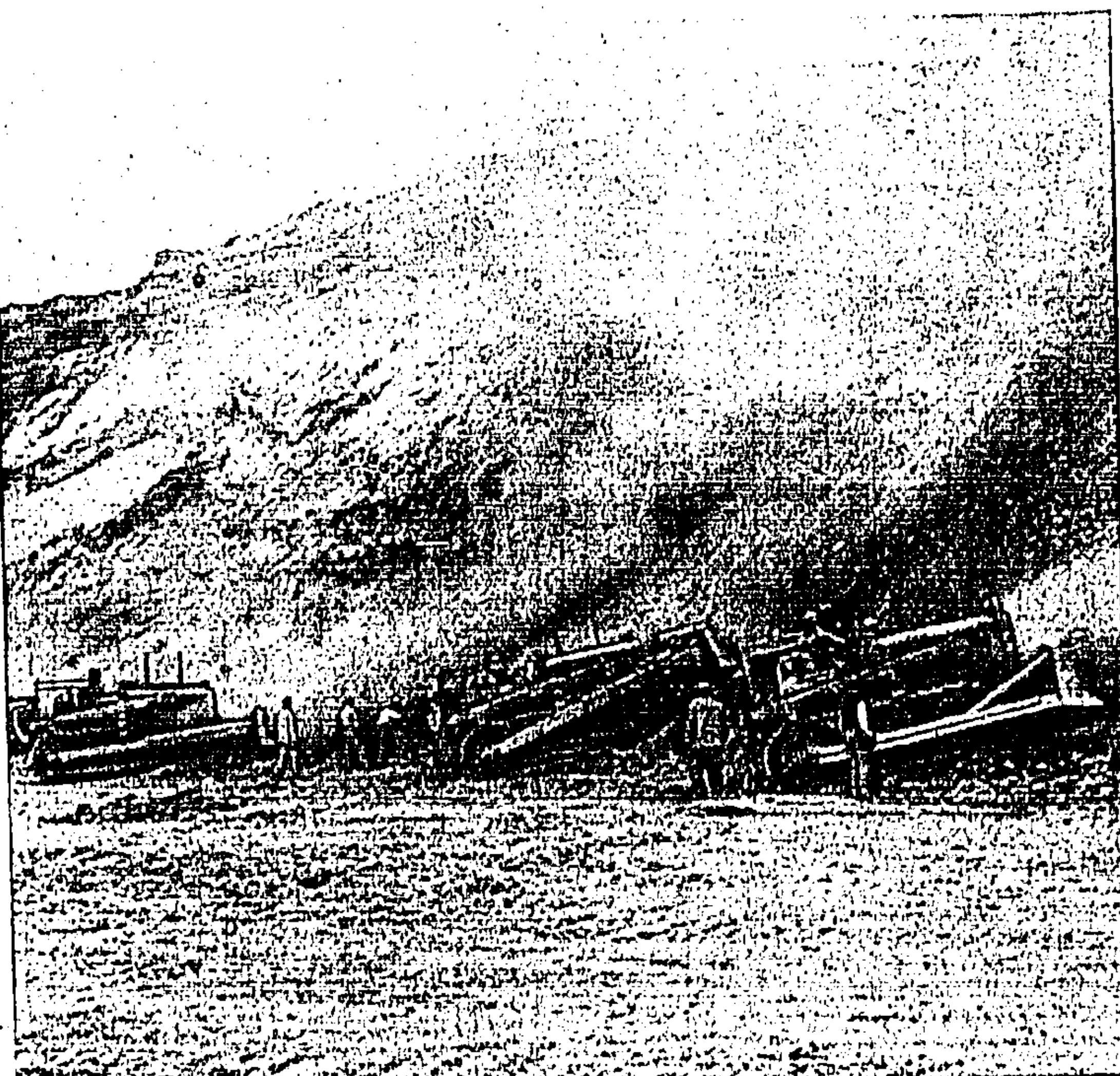
TRAINING VESSEL—Sailing into San Francisco Bay is the Brazilian Navy training ship, Almirante Saldanha Da Gama. The four-masted ship is one of the few sail training vessels left among the navies of the world, and is now making a training cruise with 59 midshipmen on board. It can be operated by steam or by sail.



MOTHER'S HELPER—Shortly after arriving at New York's International Airport, Wally, a collie, gave birth to a litter of six. A Dutch airline hostess watches over Wally's new family as the tired mother takes it easy.



EVEN EXCHANGE—Mary Uglanitz, 22, of Bayonne, New Jersey, talks to the traffic policeman in Spennymoor, England. She has exchanged jobs and living conditions for two months with an English girl, Ada Fishburn. The girls are hoping their idea will further Anglo-American understanding.



INCREASING THE OUTPUT—As part of the programme to step up production, bulldozer crews work to uncover pieces of iron at a slag dump near Pueblo, Colorado. Ranging from small pieces to ones weighing 1,000 lbs, the once-worthless metal is now urgently needed for steel production. The dumps are about six miles.



TOP HAT—Model Julie Harper wears this black topper made of carpet. Strewn with thick pink roses in various colours, it has an enormous handbag to match.

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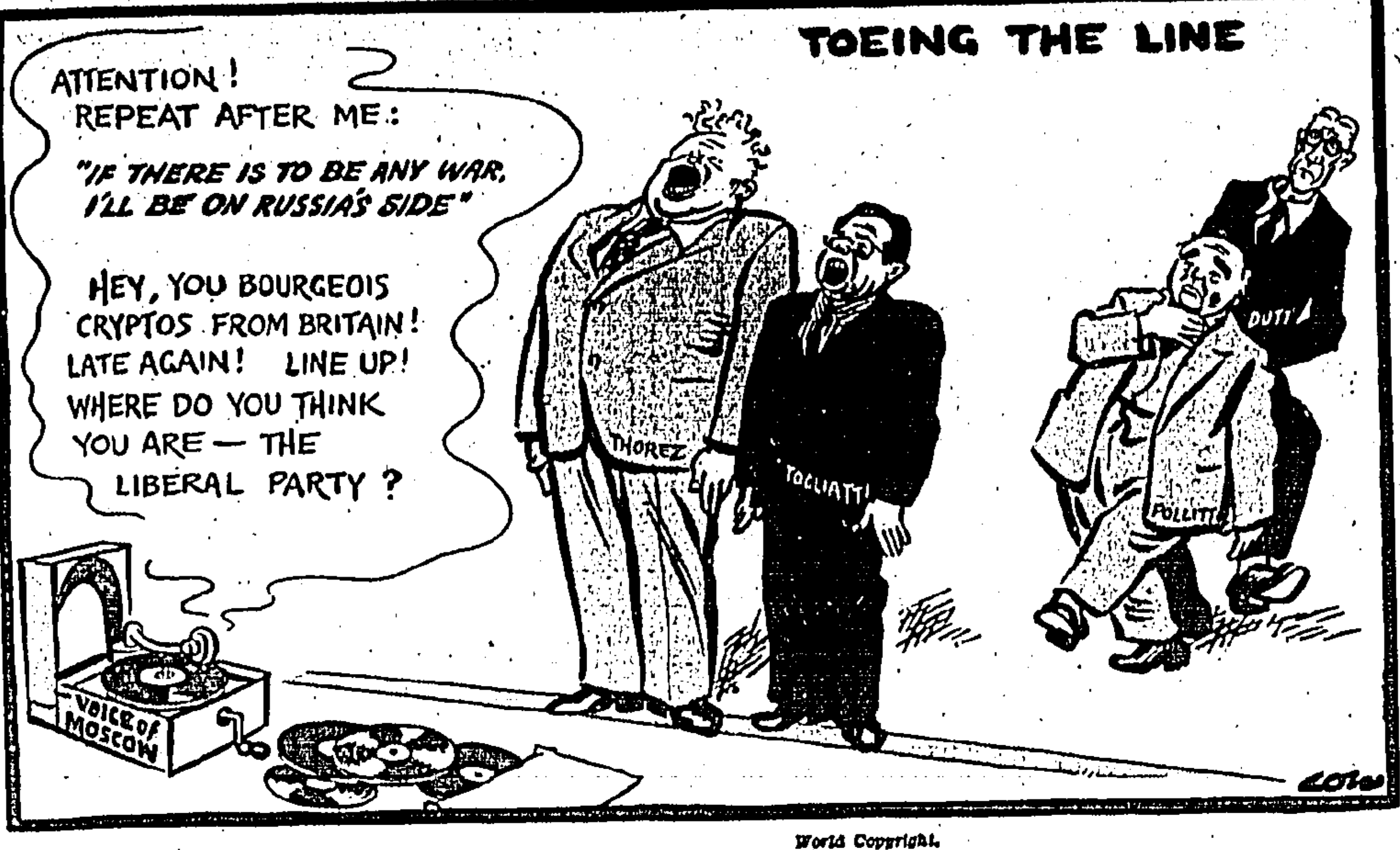
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Lady Louis had money troubles before...

SOMEHOW—and so surprisingly in the story of "the richest girl in England," Edwina Cynthia Annette Ashley, now Countess Mountbatten—there have been money troubles before.



INDIA—AND GLAMOUR AGAIN: The Maharajah of Bikaner girdles the Countess.

She is promoting a Private Bill to get permission to tap her private fortune. But even back in 1926—five years after the death of her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel, who left her the bulk of his £6,000,000—Lady Louis was fighting in the courts for relief against the will.

It gave her London's most luxurious home—Brook House in Park-lane—but it also provided that rates, taxes, and certain other expenses should be paid by her.

Even in those days it just could not be done. So the fabulous treasure house was sold—the paintings and priceless collectors' pieces were auctioned.

Brook House became a block of flats with the young Mountbattens living in a sealed-off two-floored pent-house at the top.

But that came later, during the restless 'thirties, when Lady Louis was London society's most famous hostess—between tiger-hunts with Indian maharajahs and round-the-world trips with whoever of her friends had a few months to kill.

Earlier there was this money problem to surmount. There was 19-year-old Edwina Ashley, a tall, fair-haired blue-eyed girl in the English manner, Edward VII's god-daughter, living lavishly, entertaining kings and princes as her grandfather's hostess—but, apart from £100 a year dress allowance, without a penny to call her own.

price of the round-trip fare in a small cabin-class liner to Bombay.

All this, of course, led to the marriage of the season in 1922. The Prince of Wales was best man, King George V. and Queen Mary were honoured guests.

The trousseau was chiefly remarkable for not having "a single piece of imitation lace" among the staggering pile of lingerie and dainties.

After the wedding the Mountbattens—between naval engagements, the limits of week and month and became her personal aura.

When she left for Deauville, the Riviera, or a camping jaunt in the Arabian or Mexican deserts ("in search of the simple life" but accompanied by personal maid and 30 pieces of baggage) the season ended.

Her name was in the social columns daily. There were

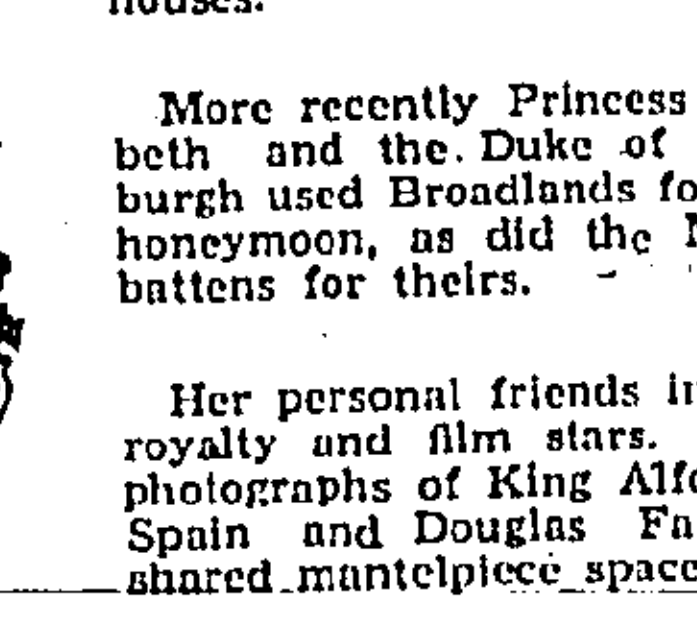
bedrooms, seven bathrooms, and the children's wing, complete with schoolroom.

The only hitch in the carefully planned party occurred when the private lift, automatically controlled by the butler when he walked to a special spot in the reception hall, jammed. The guests had a two hours' extension to their night out.

Then there was the fashion world to be catered for. Lady Louise gave a party to launch the season's collections; another to the organisers of a "Jewels of Empire" tableau, in which ladies of the title portrayed the various gems.

Lady Diana Cooper, for example, was the leader of diamonds, and Lady Louise's step-mother, Mrs. Wilfred Ashley, headed the Emerald group.

There was the welfare side to be looked after. She headed committees for dockland settlements, country hospitals, ex-Servicemen's welfare associations. All of them meant dance organising, cocktail party receptions, fund raising. With a liberal hand she lent her



THE EARL'S ARMS—on either side a lion double queued and crowned...

all those first nights, film premieres, night-club openings. Among those crowd characters—the people referred to in the columns in chummy quotes as "Lord 'Bongos' Such-and-Such, and the rest of the Bright Young Things—the Mountbattens were more than society leaders.

They were society. Thus... "Lady Louis Mountbatten is a leading figure at social functions. She is an accomplished dancer, drives her own motor-car, and is greatly interested in yachting, motor-boating, and polo. The social whirligig moves less cheerfully without her."

When the Park-lane mansion gave place to the penthouse the mode of entertaining took on a jazz-age note. Eighty feet up, the Mountbattens proudly showed 300 people over their new abode—which they rented at £4,200 a year—at a lavish house-warming.

Doors between three of the five reception-rooms slid back to form the largest private ballroom in London. The guests did the tour of the eighteen

More recently Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh used Broadlands for their honeymoon, as did the Mountbattens for theirs.

Her personal friends included royalty and film stars. Signed photographs of King Alfonso of Spain and Douglas Fairbanks shared mantelpiece space.

William Hickey

To add to his other accomplishments—wise and otherwise—SIR HARTLEY SHAWCROSS has become London's (Britain's) best after-dinner speaker.

He has spoken at five functions in the past 21 days. Each speech was a model of what a good late-night speech should be—witty, informative, and brief.

Mark you, there is not much competition in this specialised field. For, oh! so many are apt to use 20 words where three will do—thus turning the best-planned banquet into agony.

Take a typical dinner in London recently. On the list of speakers were four people known for their skill in the use of words—HERMIONE GINGOLD, playwright NOEL LANGLEY, singer PARRY JONES, and SIR ALEXANDER KORDA.

They started at five minutes past nine. With the help of those who introduced them, they were still at it at 11—and

the chairman of the local Conservative Club was also branch chairman of the local Socialist Party.

OFF with the Motley: On the editorial board of HARLEQUIN, journal of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, is a WING-COMMANDER HENRY ARNOLD.

What qualifications has he got for using the sub-editorial blue pencil? Plenty. He is the atomic project's Chief Security Officer.

A former American flier with the R.A.F., HARRIMAN on the European Recovery Programme, is back in London again—this time in a business suit. His name is GEORGE BLUR and he has been talking here on American sales psychology. "You can sell old boots to the folks back home," he says, "if you can only tease them into thinking they are getting something special."

Books, for example: OSCAR WILDE's story "Pen, Pencil and Poison," was selling 100 copies a week in the U.S. until a firm published a new edition, changed the title to "Story of a Notorious Criminal" and jumped the sales to 100 a day. They did the same to SCHOPENHAUER's "Art of Controversy," simply by changing the title to "How to Argue Logically." Biggest success of all came from "GOUTIER'S famous 'Golden Fleeces'—which appeared as "The Quest for a Blonde Mistress." Sales went up from four to 1,000 a day.

IT seems that SAM COSTA is pretty, sour about the radio critics' sneers at his week-end aids on other B.B.C. shows. He thought it was a successful stunt—and so certainly did many listeners.

You now find people tuning in to programmes not on their list of regular favourites.

Why? Just in case Sam drops in. If a comedian can do that, he's got something.

Costa would be hesitant, though, about a programme of his own. (Suggested title: "WAS THERE SOMETHING?") "No," he said, "it would be too much of a weekly headache working out a script."

IN THOSE bare, but oh-so-expensive, fitting-rooms behind Piccadilly the voices of tailors could be heard in argument—and anger. A remark at a dinner the night before (chief guest, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH) brought into the open a rivalry between two streets for the title of Britain's most exclusive bespoke tailor.

MR. GEORGE DINES, a guest at the dinner, spoke glowingly of the Duke's clothes—and there were many there who thought Dines, the Tailors of SAVILEROW, made them.

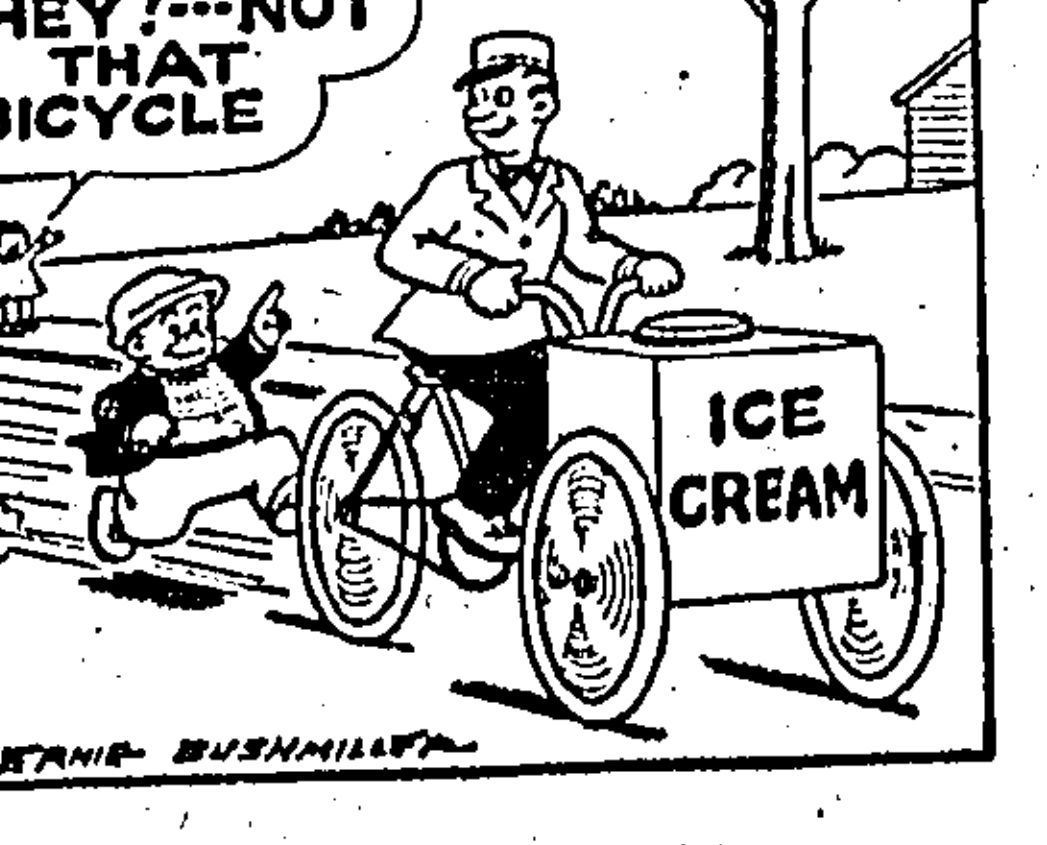
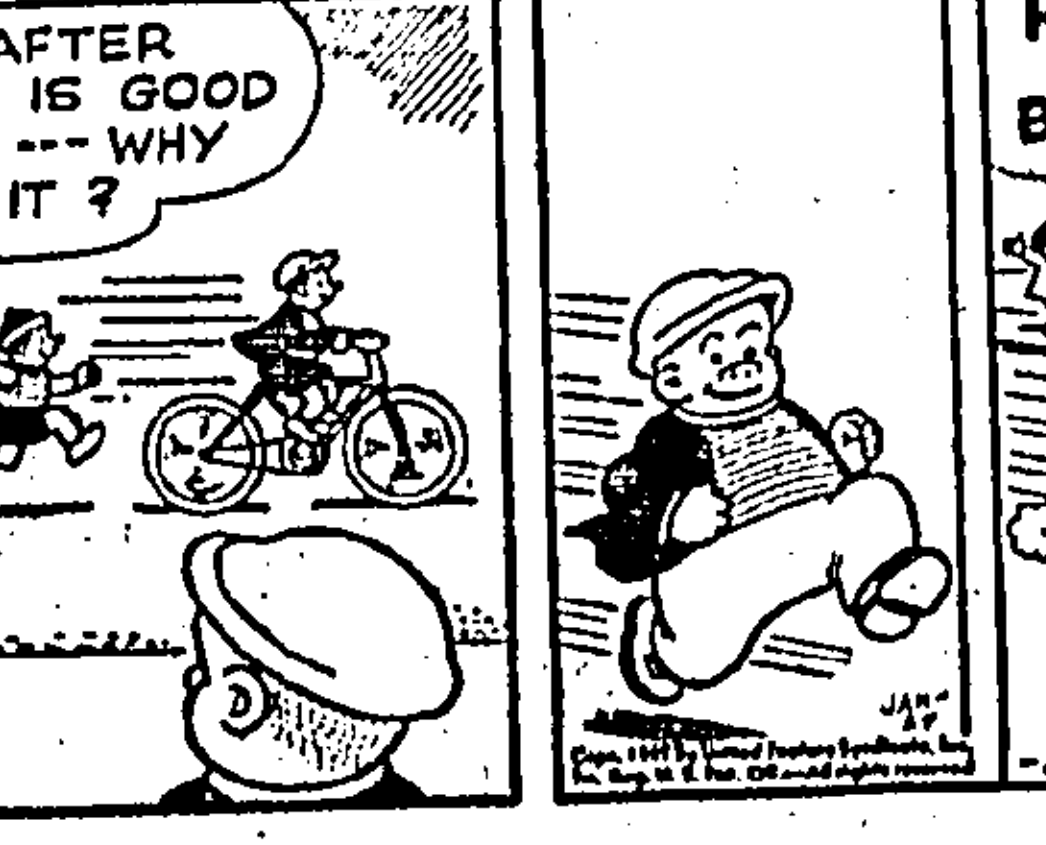
Now comes a frigid rebuttal from HAWES AND CURTIS of DOVER STREET: "Mr. Dines only makes the Duke's naval uniforms. We make his civilian suits. We did the whole of his wardrobe for his wedding. We have just made him some new tweeds. And when guests admired the tails the Duke was wearing at the dinner they were admiring our work."

Gong! For the next round... The proud craftsmen of the Tailoring Belt have another reason to be embarrassed over that dinner.

For these professionals, who pride themselves on knowing "What to Wear for Every Occasion," turned up half in dinner-jackets half in tails. The invitations said: "Evening dress with decorations."

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Revision Of Landlord Tenant Ordinance Urged

H.K. LAND INVESTMENT CO. ANNUAL MEETING

The Hon D. F. Landale (Chairman) presiding at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co, Ltd, held in the board room of Messrs Jardine, Matheson, this morning said that the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance had not succeeded in its primary object of regulating on a fair basis the relationship between landlord and tenant, and had indeed aggravated many of the abuses it set out to put right. It seemed clear that this Ordinance, after nearly two years of operation, was in need of review.

Mr Landale also announced the proposed pulling down of Chung Tin Building, Hotel Cecil and Alexandra Building to make way for one large modern building which it was proposed to construct in two sections. Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:

"The Accounts before you show the results of another year's working during which your rent revenue has been controlled while costs of operation and property maintenance generally remain several times higher than in 1941. It is pleasing to note, however, that with the benefit of a full year's revenue from the additional floors constructed on Marina House, and the increase in rents permitted under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947, it has been possible to recommend a dividend for the year of \$3.00 per share, free of Tax, as against the same amount less Tax last year.

This result is not spectacular but you will see from the Balance Sheet that substantial building work is in hand and I hope that within twelve months your Capital will be earning a better return. Since the re-occupation of the Colony all your office buildings have been built and your Directors have decided to proceed with the Central District development programme which was formulated some years prior to the Pacific War. Great difficulty has been experienced in deciding how this could best be done with the least amount of inconvenience to our Tenants. The problem was where and how to "chip the egg".

As a first move three office floors were added to Marina House and alterations to the Gloucester Hotel released further space for office tenants. As the result of these moves it was possible to remove the tenants from the old building at No. 11, Queen's Road, Central. This was followed by the building occupied by the St. Francis Hotel, and you can now see the beginnings of Edinburgh House, named after His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. If all goes well this development for banks and offices will be ready for occupation by the end of this year.

Although the new building could be filled over and over again with new tenants, sufficient space has to be set aside for clearing the next site to be re-developed. The next building on our programme to be demolished will probably be Chung Tin Building, followed by the Hotel Cecil and Alexandra Building, to make way for one large modern building on the triangular plot bounded by House Street and Chater Road. It is proposed that this building will be constructed in two sections so as to avoid depleting the supply of office premises more than absolutely necessary.

Continuing the policy which has been followed for many years, three more outlying properties were sold during the year, realising a profit on the written down value of \$380,288. As usual, the proceeds of the sales have been set aside for re-investment in your Central District holdings where the re-development programme calls for substantial capital expenditure.

During the past year your Directors and the management have constantly endeavoured to check opportunist tenants who have sought to profit from the secretly value of office premises. As far as office premises are concerned, the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance has not succeeded in its primary object of regulating on a fair basis the relationship between Landlord and Tenant, and has indeed aggravated many of the abuses it set out to put right. It seems clear that this Ordinance, after nearly two years of operation is in need of review.

ACCOUNTS CHANGE
Turning to the Accounts I should like to draw attention to the slight change in the form of the Balance Sheet. You will notice that the headings have been rearranged, bringing the manner of presentation more into line with the present-day practice in the United Kingdom. Corresponding figures for the previous year have been shown. Under the heading "Issued Capital and Capital Reserves" have been grouped all amounts which it is not intended to distribute by way of Dividends. These include New Shares Issued, both in respect of the 1947, and the 1929 issues,

and capital profits realised on the sale of land and buildings since 1934, so far as these have not already been applied to writing down other Capital Assets. These adjustments have had the effect of reducing your General Reserve from the 1947 figure of \$8,500,000, to \$2,750,000, but the difference has merely been transferred to its appropriate place in the revised Balance Sheet and the strong financial position of your Company is in no way impaired.

The major part of the item of \$5,000,000, noted under the heading of Contingent Liabilities represents the balance expected to become payable during the current year, upon the completion of Edinburgh House.

HOTEL PROFITS
You will observe that the Gloucester Hotel shows a moderate improvement in profit as compared with 1947. Apart from an increase in the number of transient guests on daily rates, and a corresponding reduction in the number of temporary residents paying the cheaper rates, many of whom have now found houses or flats room charges generally have remained unchanged. The structural alterations to which I referred at our Meeting last year have placed the establishment on a better basis, more in keeping with the general character of your Company's other undertakings than when the main preoccupation of the hotel management was what I called, last year, the fluctuating ballroom and restaurant trade.

It is reassuring to note that, as regards the Gloucester Hotel, the control recently introduced by the Hotels Ordinance will not materially reduce revenue from the rooms controlled. I should, however, point out that hotels generally operate on a narrower margin between turnover and overhead costs as compared with some other business enterprises. Many items of expenditure are some five or six times higher than in 1941, and the present results shown by your Hotel could not be achieved unless the rooms were almost continuously fully booked. More normal times may still be some way off but we must expect one day to have to face the possibility of a proportion of vacant rooms up to 20%, without a fully satisfying reduction in operating costs.

I would here like to say a word of appreciation for the excellent and loyal services given to your Company by all members of the staff, many of whom have joined the Company since the re-occupation. I feel that you are to be congratulated on being served by such an efficient and hard-working team. The Directors' Report shows the proposed allocation of the balance of \$1,835,200 remaining in the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account after providing for writing down Capital Assets by the amortisation of Crown Leases and the depreciation of buildings, and these items have been incorporated in the accounts as published.

After appropriating \$350,000 to Building Development, a Reserve Account, \$180,000 for Corporation Profits Tax and \$25,000 for a bonus to staff, there is a balance of \$1,250,200 from which it is proposed to pay a dividend for the year 1948 of \$3.00 per share, free of Tax, absorbing \$1,200,000, and leaving \$50,200 to be carried forward.

SECONDER'S SPEECH
Seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, Mr G. E. Marden said: "Our Chairman has outlined to us a building programme which was conceived at a time when there were few thoughts of war and its disruption. It is being carried on with the improvements which modern requirements have made desirable but its importance to us as shareholders is the fact that we have here no catch-penny temporary expedient intended to profit from abnormal conditions but sane and steady development along normal lines contributing to the stability of the Colony and making for its future prosperity. The new buildings will be a source of pride not only to our able Board of Directors but to us all."

I cannot refrain from echoing the Chairman's remarks on the subject of Landlord and Tenant legislation. When we realise how loyally our own management has adhered to the letter and spirit of the ordinance it is only human of us to smile a little wryly at the thought that the beneficiaries are not those

potential sufferers from a housing shortage which it is right and proper that legislation should be designed to protect, but to a large extent those businesses which, more fortunate than ourselves, have been able to pass on to the consumer a just proportion of their increased operating expenses. All shareholders will, I am sure, share the views expressed by the Chairman that this state of affairs will be speedily remedied.

It is a source of gratification to us that the provisions include some recognition for our loyal and efficient staff to which the Chairman has made reference and I have much pleasure in seconding the Resolution.

RE-ELECTIONS

On the proposal of Major C.W.L. Way, seconded by Mr H. Gittins, Mr S.T. Williamson and Mr Albert Raymond were re-elected directors.

Messrs Pear, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. and Messrs Percy Smith & Co. were reappointed auditors at a remuneration of \$3,000 each, on the proposal of Mr G.W. Grey, seconded by Mr I.F. Aucott.

Present at the meeting were: the Hon D.F. Landale (Chairman), the Hon Sir Man-kin Lo, Mr A. Raymond, Mr H.D. Benjamin (Directors), Mr B.C. Field (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Major C.W.L. Way, Messrs H. Gittins, G. E. Marden (representing the Yangtze Finance, Forbes and Whitman Co. Ltd, Hongkong Realty, and Wheelock, Marden Gordon, I.M. Aucott, H.J. Young, J.E. Marsh, Wing Chuen Jones and A. Piercy.

PRESS ATTACHE KILLED

Calcutta, Mar. 27.—The Press Attache of the United States Consulate General in Calcutta was killed today in a plane crash at Nababganj Ghat, 16 miles from here. He was Mr J.W. Thomson, of Texas.—Reuters.

Letters To The Editor

Sir:—In the figures given below I have attempted to apportion the various Heads in the Budget of Expenditure between a Central Government and a Municipality, as envisaged by Sir Mark Young and the Secretary of State for Colonies. I dare say my attempt is inaccurate, but, using it as a guide for argument, and whilst in no way withdrawing from the policy of demanding a reformed Legislature, I still think there is much good in making the Citizens 30 City Councils personally responsible for the administration of \$71 million, and not quite so much in putting representatives into the Legislature where the Permanent

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I hate to be bundled up in all these clothes, too, but I have to do a few little things to keep my parents happy!"

Robbery During Mah-Jong Game

TWO CHARGED AT SESSIONS

The story of an armed robbery during a mah-jong game at 92, Wusung Street, first floor, on the evening of January 6 was told to Mr Justice Reynolds and a Jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Cheung Kwai-sang, 33, was charged, with two others not in custody, with the offence.

Also before the Court was Chan Ping-lam, 34, charged with receiving two wrist watches, allegedly part of the proceeds of the robbery.

Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. W.G. Morrison, is prosecuting. First accused is not legally represented, but Mr V.J.L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr C.A.S. Russ, is appearing for second accused. Mr Hooton said the robbery took place on the evening of January 6, at 92, Wusung Street, first floor, which belonged to Wong Yui, who used part of the premises as an import and export firm. At that time Wong was out and on the premises were three visitors, one of whom was named Wong Kin, an amah and another employee of the firm, named Wong

Kam. The three visitors and the amah were playing mah-jong, while Wong Kam stood by watching the game. At about 9.30 p.m. the front door bell rang, and Wong, peeping through the peep-hole, saw a man carrying a parcel, Counsel said. He started to open the door when he noticed the intruder carrying a pistol and attempted to shut it. The man, however, pushed his way in, followed by two others, one also armed with a pistol. The three men rounded up the five occupants into a rear cubicle, bound them with wire, and took from them various sums of money and other articles including two wrist watches, one belonging to Wong Kin and the other to Wong Kam.

Shortly afterwards, the master of the house, Wong Yui, returned to the premises and he, too, was forced into the cubicle and robbed of \$50 and a wrist watch.

The robbers then escaped and after a while the occupants freed themselves and reported to the Police.

Mr Hooton said that although none of the inmates recognised any of the robbers, it was the case for the prosecution that at least was one of the gang.

On January 12, six days after the robbery, Wong Kin's watch was pawned at West Point for \$45. Two days later Wong Kam's wrist watch was also pawned at the same shop for \$130. The case for the prosecution, Counsel said, was that it was the second accused who had pawned the two watches.

Continuing Mr Hooton said that at about 6 p.m. on January 23, the Police acting on information, arrested first accused in Kowloon. A loaded pistol was found on his person. First accused then took the police to a certain flat in Nathan Road where second accused was arrested. The following day, second accused took the Police to the pawnbroker at West Point and there pawned a few days before. The trial is proceeding.

IRENE DUNNE HONOURED

South Bend, Indiana, Mar. 27.—Notre Dame University announced today that the actress, Irene Dunne, had been awarded the 1949 Leland Medal as the "outstanding Catholic layman" of the year.

Miss Dunne became the second actress in the 16-year history of the annual medal presentation to win the award. Margaret Anglin won it in 1927. Reverend John Cavanaugh, President of Notre Dame, said Miss Dunne was an "example of talented Christian womanhood in a profession and community unfortunately publicized for the brightness of marriages and careers."—United Press.

Changes In German Frontier Condemned

London, Mar. 27.—Soviet sources today joined West German politicians in condemning the German frontier rectifications announced on Saturday by the three Western Military Occupation Governments.

The rectifications affect about 13,500 Germans living in a total area of 62 square miles. They involve 31 points along the West German frontiers with Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Saar and France.

Backing the German protests, a Berlin despatch to Tass, the official Soviet news agency, today described the rectifications as a "seizure" of German territory.

"Special attention," Tass added, "is attracted by the Western powers' open recognition of the French annexation of the Saar region, the administration of which, as can be seen from the communiqué, is already making claims on Germany in its characters as a foreign State."

Earlier, the Soviet-controlled Leipzig Radio charged that details of the frontier changes were being concealed. It quoted allegations that some districts concerned had coal deposits amounting to some 100,000,000 tons, wanted by Holland.

The Western Allies' communiqué described the adjustments as "minor" and "provisional," adding that the problem of Germany's frontiers would be re-examined and settled definitely "at the time of the final peace settlement."

It said the adjustments were justified by administrative necessities and by conditions affecting communications along Germany's western frontiers. The date for putting them into effect would be announced later, the communiqué added.

The Commissions will fix the new frontier line after hearing local authorities. Most German leaders this weekend claimed that the Western powers' decision was a "unilateral action" not in accordance with the Atlantic Charter. The North Rhine Westphalia Government, in a sharply worded communiqué, accused the Western powers of violating the natural right of self-determination and of declining the "reintegrator offer" to settle the problem by negotiation.

Referring to Hitler's terror system, this Government said the German people "now see the democratic victorious powers guilty of the same offence, four years after the end of hostilities."—Reuter.

Miss Orient Toll 27

Owners' Disclosure

The owners of the ill-fated river steamer, Miss Orient, which sank in the Canton River last Thursday night after hitting a mine, stated this morning the number of dead and missing was 27.

Of this number, 23 were passengers, of whom nine are missing. Four were crew members, of whom two are missing. Six passengers and two of the crew were injured.

There were 293 passengers, 264 of whom were rescued unscathed. Of a total of 118 in the crew, 112 came out of the accident unharmed.

Plane Crashes On Fujiyama

Tokyo, Mar. 28.—A U.S. Air Force B-29 bomber with four men aboard ploughed into the side of Mount Fuji late yesterday and Far East Air Force Headquarters said it did not know whether any men had survived. Headquarters said a First Cavalry Division rescue party had set out for the scene but was hampered by a snowstorm on the mountainside.

The authorities said the crash was reported by ground force troops at Camp McNair on the north slope of the famous mountain. The troops heard the crash a few minutes after the plane had passed over the camp.

The plane was flying from Misawa air base in Northern Honshu on a navigation-training mission. It was bound for Komaki aerodrome near Nagoya. —United Press.

Paris, Mar. 27.—Flames, fanned by a high wind, were tonight spreading towards the forest of Senart, southeast of Paris, after destroying 250 hectares of timber and brushwood. The fire began yesterday near St Jean de Maurienne in Savoie. —Reuter.

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REFORM CLUB MEETING

It is announced by the Committee of the Reform Club that a special public meeting will be held at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden this evening when Mr T. Martin, F.S.A.A., will discuss the 1949/50 Budget as seen from the point of view of the man-in-the-street.

Public interest in the activities of the Reform Club is steadily increasing and the subject of this discussion being one which is of vital importance to all residents, it is anticipated that the meeting will be well attended.

Radio Hongkong

6.00 Programme Summary; 6.01, Dance Orchestra of U.S.S. Eldorado; 6.20, Portuguese Hilarious (Studio); 7. World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, Recent Variety Releases; 7.20, Hopalong Cassidy (Studio); 8. "From the Editor's Desk" (Studio); 8.10, "The Chinese Family Carries On" A Talk by Mr L. D. Allan, M.A., who, until recently, was Lecturer in Modern History at the University, Nanking (Studio); 8.25, Interlude; 8.30, "Yvette Girard and Jean Sablon" Entertainment Hour; 9.15, Linda Carter "Talks on Film" (Studio); 9.20, London Playhouse, Money with Menace by Patrick Hamilton, James Mason as Mr Stevens; 10. Radio Newswire (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.25, Linda Carter "Talks on Film"; 10.45, Music for Dancing; 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

Concert Postponed

Owing to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to postpone the Hongkong Chamber Music Club's concert which was to have been given tonight in the Eu Tong Sen Gymnasium, while fishing today.—Reuter.

WEEK-END CRICKET

KCC SURPRISES AGAINST F.E. LAWRENCE'S XI

By "RECORDER"

Fixtures in the First Division of the Cricket League, except for one yet outstanding, were completed over the week-end and saw both Scorpions and Army win, over RAF and KCC respectively, to tie for second place in the point standings behind Recreio.

Yesterday's League match at Happy Valley saw Craighower emerge victorious against RAF for their fourth win of the season, the last three in a row. Craighower, with the season over, suddenly emerged as one of the keenest sides in the League.

But the feature of week-end cricket was the KCC's surprising win over what was practically an all-star F.E. Lawrence's XI. This was considerably helped along by Robbie Lee's six wickets for 42 runs, two of them off fine catches by A. M. Prata in deep field, the wickets including those of L. F. Stokes, L. D. Kilbee, G. N. Gosano and Dr E. L. Gosano, for one of the finest bowling performances of the year.

The KCC batting reached an impressive total of 211 runs (32 of these contributed by A.M. Prata and T.A. Pearce) and another 35 by the Army player, D. Bahlton, with W.M. Davidson hitting up an im-

pressive 60 for his highest score of the season.

The KCC performance augurs well for their match this coming week-end against HKCC in the Hancock Shield series.

Yesterday's match was featured by two new wicket-keepers making their debut, Frank Howarth, (all out for Interport honours behind the sticks?) holding two catches for seven extras let by and a blackened eye off J. Barrow's bat, and W. H. Cowie, for KCC letting no extras through in an innings of 165.

KCC's performance, against the batting of Stokes, Kilbee, Howarth and the two Gosanos again and Stepto, was a surprising one for a team that had been thoroughly beaten by the Army in the concluding League match for the two teams the previous day.

Batting of the week was L. F. Stokes's 70 not out against the RAF followed by 75 against the KCC, reaching a total for the season of 1,128 with the Hancock Shield match yet to come.

Frank Howarth, three wickets short of his 100 for the season, will not get them as a result of an attack of fibrositis that has turned him to wicket-keeping. He has more than 100 for the

season if the Interports in Shanghai and Malaya are included.

No other batsman is near his 1,000 runs for the season while one other bowler—Alan Stepto—is near his 100. Stepto now has 96 wickets.

HOW THEY STAND

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Recreio	18	13	3	2	55
Scorpions	18	11	3	4	47
Army	18	11	3	4	41
University	18	9	5	4	41
Optimists	18	7	6	5	31
KCC	18	6	7	5	29
RAF	17	4	4	9	20
IRC	18	4	3	11	19
Craighower	18	4	2	12	18
Royal Navy	17	2	2	13	10

INTER-VARSITY ATHLETICS

Hongkong University, which has lost to Lingnan University of Canton in every other sport except badminton so far in the Inter-Varsity sports which started on Saturday, meets Lingnan today in athletics—an all-day affair at Pokfulam.

Lingnan start favourites in this, conceded an edge in the track and the jumping events, as well as in the women's events.

At the conclusion of yesterday's Inter-Varsity Sports Meet between Hongkong University and Lingnan University the visitors led by 40 points to 10.

In the badminton matches played yesterday Hongkong University proved their vast superiority by winning all five games, three doubles and two singles.

In tennis, the local undergraduates won both the doubles but lost the series when Lingnan won all the three singles.

In basketball, Hongkong University proved no match for their visitors losing 24-40.

BADMINTON

Doubles: Low Kuei-sun and T. T. Chin (HKU) beat Ma Hon-kheung and Fung Chee-shing (Lingnan) 15-8, 15-9.

Singles: A. Vassar and Heah Hock Thye (HKU) beat S. C. Piu and Joseph Fu (Lingnan) 15-6, 15-3.

Singles: T. Yeow and N. K. Chin (HKU) beat S. C. Goh and H. Y. Huang (LU) 15-7, 15-3.

Singles: Low Kuei-sun (HKU) beat Fung Chee-shing 15-11, 8-6 (retired) Heah Hock Thye (HKU) beat Joseph Fu 15-3, 15-0.

TENNIS

Doubles: T. T. Lin and T. Lau (HKU) beat Tiu Yi-yin and Lau Choy-yee 6-2, 6-2. N. Lo and D. Lo (HKU) beat Cheung Yue-kai and Leung Kau-siu 6-3, 6-3.

Singles: Lee Yik-in (Lingnan) beat T. T. Lin (HKU) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Singles: Lau Kau-siu (Lingnan) beat T. Lo (HKU) 7-5, 4-6, 8-6. Y. K. Chiu (Lingnan) beat T. T. Lin (HKU) 2-6, 9-7, 6-1.

BASKETBALL

In the basketball tournament, there was excellent teamwork and fast action.

Displayed by the Lingnan team, who led by 21 to 15 in the first half.

In back of the local team were doing their best in checking the many overwhelming attacks.

Top scorers for the Lingnan University were Yu Ping-nook (18) and Chu Pak-chun (10).

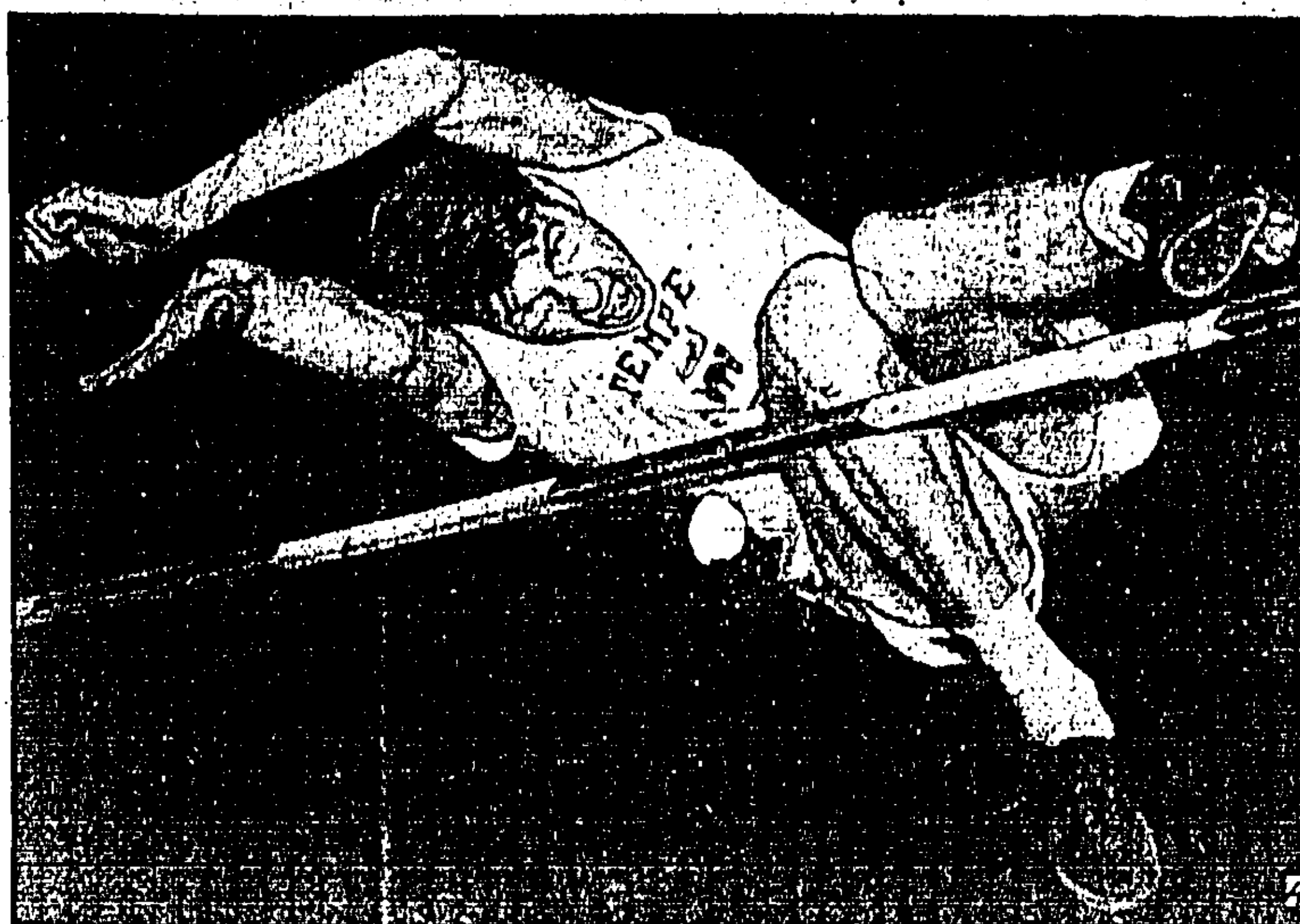
Lingnan: Chung Kwok-piu, Chu Pak-chun, Yu Ping-nook, Lee Siu-pak, Tai Chun-tun, Ng Siu-man, Wai-sheung-cho, Lee Link-hung, Lam Fan, Tang Kwok-leung, and Lee Yiu-hong.

Hongkong University: To Chee Cheung, Chan Kai-ming, Wong Kwong-man, Yu Sheung-bun, Wong Sol-chung, Lo Pak and Ma Siu-luen.

TENNIS FINAL

The final of the Colony Open Singles Grasscourt Championship will be played off between Tui Wal-pui, the holder, and Ip Koon-hung, Chinese National Champion, at the HKCC this afternoon, weather permitting, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

UP & OVER



Richard F. Lyster, of Temple University, clears the high jump bar at 6 feet, 6 inches to take second place in the Knights of Columbus meet, New York.

REVOLUTIONARY SCHEME

Arsenal Players May Share Club Profits

By FRANK BUTLER

Tom Whittaker and the Arsenal players are discussing a revolutionary scheme which would give the players a share in the profits of the club at the end of each season.

If the Whittaker plan is approved by League clubs, and goes before the Football League annual meeting in June, it can put an end to the eternal cry of insecurity from the depths of every footballer's heart and pocket.

The Arsenal boss explained to me how the scheme would work. So that the players could be fairly represented and air their views he called into his office Laurie Scott, Ian McPherson, and Reg Lewis.

Under the scheme—quite the soundest and sanest I have heard since the dispute over conditions began among players, clubs, Players' Union, and Football League—every club would hand over one-fifth of its profits to be shared among the men who really are responsible for its success.

If, for instance, Arsenal made £20,000 it would mean a £4,000 share-out among the players.

This would be in addition to the £2 win and £1 draw bonuses and benefits after five years' service. The money would be divided in proportion to the part each man had played in the club's success.

Says the Arsenal boss: "Only good can come out of the scheme because no party can lose by it. The players must gain. It will encourage endeavour and loyalty. The clubs won't lose financially because a large profit means heavy taxes. The shareholders won't suffer because it won't interfere with the maximum dividend of 7½ percent allowed by the League."

INSECURITY

Lewis, McPherson, and Scott agreed that the scheme suggests a solution to the dreadful insecurity that every first-class footballer must feel when he begins to lose his place in a team, and realises there is nothing in the bank for the wife and kids.

Tom Whittaker says it is not a scheme only for the rich clubs. It will be a boon for the Third Division Northern clubs, many of which are not in a position to meet any new financial demands from players. These clubs would be glad to share any profits they made.

Another suggestion of the Arsenal manager is that under this sharing policy players would be glad to cut down on complimentary tickets for their friends. It may seem a small item, but over a season it becomes quite a sum of money.

Players would be glad to ask, their friend to pay to see them perform and true play would be glad to pay for tickets.

Players asking for transfers during the season would forgo their share.

Mr Whittaker thinks such a plan would make for more

loyalty and deal a body-blow to the transfer fantasy.

Certainly, under the Whittaker plan, a player giving loyal service for five or ten years could put away his boots and feel there was sufficient in the old old chest to start a small business.

There is no happier Soccer set-up than at Highbury. Tom Whittaker has set himself the task of being a pal as well as a boss. The players are allowed to call him "Tom." No one takes unfair advantage. While they can see Tom in his office any morning with a legitimate grouse, the men know he can use the iron fist as well as the velvet glove.

Tom Whittaker wants to see players take a bigger part in the running of clubs. He would like them to be junior partners in one big happy business.

EXAMPLE

To make himself quite clear he turned to Lewis, and said: "Say you, for instance, are going through a bad patch. I know it, the other players know it, and, of course, in your heart you know it also."

"I can, of course, go out and buy a new centre forward for £15,000 or £20,000 but under the scheme I have been discussing that would mean so much less money for the players to share. Instead, you boys could get together, and say, 'We're going to show Tom that we can get the results he wants without spending £15,000 or £20,000.'"

"The boys could tell you, Reg, what you are doing insecurely, and your confidence and winning form would probably be restored with this team spirit. If, after a fair trial, the players unanimously agreed that the team's weakness was at centre forward, then obviously they would want the money spent on a new player, because in the long run it would mean greater profit for all concerned."

CRITICISM

It is already an Arsenal policy to meet each week to discuss the last match and, if necessary, to criticise each other's play and tear each other apart. Usually the boys end up by agreeing with Tom, although at first they often are in disagreement.

The Whittaker plan, if accepted, will revolutionise the

Alexandria Tournay

Alexandria, Mar. 27.—Frankie Parker of the United States and Baron Gottfried von Cramm of Germany... won the Men's Doubles Championship here today when they beat Dodge and Pelly of the United States and Jack Harper of Australia, 3-6, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.

Miss Nelly Landry of France and Britain's Miss Joy Gannon beat Lebanon's Miss Vera Matfar and Egypt's Mrs. Buxton Knight, 6-2, 7-5 in the Women's Doubles final.

In the Mixed Doubles final, Pelly and Miss Nelly Landry beat Britain's Tony Moltram and Miss Joy Gannon, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.—United Press.

career of a professional footballer.

George Swindin, Arsenal goalkeeper and delegate of the Players' Union, says he likes the scheme and is prepared to put it before the union meeting at Manchester on March 7.

I like it because nobody loses anything—and the men who draw more than 1,000,000 fans every Saturday will get a chance of sharing in their box-office value.

SOCCER INTERNATIONAL

Madrid, Mar. 27.—Italy beat Spain by three goals to one in an international soccer match here this afternoon.—Reuter.

Ohio State Wins NCAA Swimming

Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Mar. 27.—Ohio State's Big Nine titleholders on Saturday night won a smashing victory in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 26th annual swimming tournament.

Coach Mike Peppo's Ohioans swept to a team score of 49 points in the three day competition. Iowa was second, with 35 points and the defending champion, Michigan wound up third with 32.

In the top race of the final programme, Joe Verdeur of La Salle, defeated Keith Carter of Purdue with a record performance that won him the 150 yard individual medley crown.

The spectators also enjoyed the 330-yard medley relay in which Iowa's Big Nine titlists—Dunne Draves, Bowen Stassforth and Ervin Straub—breezed to victory in 2 minutes, 54.1 seconds.

Olympic diving champion Bruce Harlan of Ohio State, who on Friday night retained his one metre diving title, added to it the three metre championship for which he was runner-up in last year's NCAA.

But the night's best show was the Verdeur-Carter match. Verdeur beat out Carter by the stretch of a finger in winning the 150-yard individual medley in 1 minute, 30.8 seconds—two seconds better than the American record set by Harry Holliday of Michigan in 1946.

The clocking also topped a pending record of 1 minute, 31.2 seconds which Carter hung up in the recent big Nine championships.

On Friday night Carter snatched the 220-yard breaststroke title from the La Salle ace with a time only one-tenth of a second off Verdeur's world record.

Wally Ris of Iowa, defending champion, sailed to a solid victory in the 100-yard freestyle final. The powerful Iowan, the Olympic champion, took the lead at the second turn on the 25-yard course and finished in 54.4 seconds.

World champion Bill Smith retained his NCAA 440-yard freestyle crown with a time of 4 minutes 42.6 seconds. Smith went out in front at the start and steadily built up a lead that could not be touched.—Associated Press.

ARGENTINA WITHDRAWS FROM DAVIS CUP

Buenos Aires, Mar. 27.—The Argentine Lawn Tennis Association decided today not to send a team to the Davis Cup tournament.

Argentina was to have played its first match against Egypt.—United Press.

THE QUESTION OF SUBSTITUTES COMES UP ONCE AGAIN

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Mar. 27.—Watching England play Scotland at Twickenham and Scotland struggling valiantly with only 14 men, one of their best three-quarters being a "passenger" with a crooked knee, one wondered why it is that in Britain substitutes in any game are so severely frowned upon.

The more amateur the game, the more distasteful is the idea of a reserve being called upon to take another man's place, the idea somehow being that it is up to amateurs to carry on regardless of their condition.

This is all the more remarkable, for properly the more amateur the game, the greater the reason for reserves.

The main reason for objections being raised to substitutes is that advantage might be taken of this allowance by some teams to bring on a fresh man to win the game, whether the originally selected player was not really hurt.

If this is true in the case of some professional teams, and one knows of some soccer teams abroad who have done this, surely one would not expect true amateurs to stoop to this trick? So why shouldn't substitutes be allowed?

HORROR

Rugger officials hold up their hands in horror at this "professional" idea, but a little consideration would show that this is really only a logical step. The captain of any team should have the right to ask the referee if he can make an exchange of players and, if the referee agrees, this should be allowed.

Obviously there would have to be safeguards and the official running the game would have to feel sure that the team with the injured player would gain no advantage by making the swap. Thus he would hardly allow an exchange to be made in the last 10 minutes of a game.

To take the Calcutta Cup match between England and Scotland as an example, Scotland's right-wing three-quarter, Jackson, was hurt half-way through the first half. At this stage, there had been no score, but England were on top.

With Jackson injured, the Scots lost all hope they had of a recovery and it became a question for three-quarters of the game by what margin England would win.

Had a reserve been brought in, England would almost certainly still have won, but her victory would have been all the

more meritorious and the spectators would have enjoyed the game still more.

And another angle to this question, Should not the referee send a man off when injured?

FAIR TO NONE

It is fair to none to allow a badly injured player to wander about the field in obvious pain. He is a nuisance to himself and others. One very glaring example of this was in the recent local soccer "Derby" at Blackpool, when the home team entertained its neighbours, Preston.

In the first 10 minutes, Stanley Matthews, England's outside-right, was badly hurt in the ankle. This great player remained on the field for the remainder of the game.

Doublet, he felt him, and said that it was not "done" for him to go off, whereas he most certainly should have, whether a substitute had come in or not.

The International rugger match was not such a bad case as Jackson was not so badly hurt as was Matthews, but he was sufficiently incapacitated to make it desirable that he should be out of the game from every point of view.

In soccer, one can leave a man alone who is obviously hurt, but what does one do to an injured player in rugger who receives the ball?

If you tackle him, you would do so half-heartedly, and even then he might get hurt more severely, and if you leave him alone he might be responsible for his side getting the winning try.

It is an interesting talking-point, this question of substitutes in all games. While may be substitution can be overdone, as is the view of most people this side of the Atlantic in the case of baseball and American football, there are many sound judges of sport who believe that on this side of the water they are underdone.—Reuter.



The Week-End Scoreboard

FOOTBALL FIRST DIVISION

FIRST DIVISION		
Navy	7	Eastern
RAF	0	Kilchee
Kwong	3	S. China
Wah	3	"B"
Army	4	Police
S. China "A"	3	Club
KMB	2	CAA

SECOND DIVISION

Talkoo	0	Kichco
P.C.A.	2	K.M.B.
St Joseph's	9	W.D.
		Chinese
CAA	3	Tramway
Army (HK)	5	Police
Dockyard	5	Club

HOCKEY

Recreio	5	RAF
Police	2	C & W
Civil Service	1	Army
Dutch HC	1	Khalas
Dockyard RO	0	Navy
University	4	YMCA

SOFTBALL

LADIES' LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF			
EXHIBITION GAME			
Wahoos	10	Wildents	
Braves	11	Rest of Junior League	

Kentucky Wins NCAA Basketball

Seattle, Mar. 27.—With Alex Groza piling in 25 points, the University of Kentucky retained its National Collegiate Basketball Championship on Saturday night by crushing Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College 46 to 36.

Groza, a 6 foot 7 inch senior centre, wound up his college career by winning the sports writers unanimous selection as "player of the tournament."

The University of Illinois squeezed past Oregon State College 57 to 53 to win third place in the NCAA ratings.—Associated Press.

REGIS COLLEGE WINS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Denver, Colorado, Mar. 27.—Regis College of Denver beat St. Francis of Brooklyn 51 to 47 on Saturday night for the championship of the first national Catholic Invitation Basketball Tournament.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Hongkong Badminton Association has arranged for the semi-finals of the Colony's badminton championships to take place as follows:

Monday and Tuesday, March 28 and 29, at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31, at the Club de Recreio.

The first match will start at 7.30 each night.

Admission will be \$1 (including tax).

Mister Conquest



FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

P.	Business was done in the	local	Closing Times by
	unusual exchange market	times	Manila, Honolulu, U.S.A.
	morning at the following rates:		Canada, 5 p.m.
3.75	Sterling pound note (per £1)	15.25	Air Parcel Post
1.00	U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.24	Honolulu, U.S.A.
	Gold bars (per tael)	10.00	C.P.O. 4.30 p.m. (G.P.
	Gold Yuan (per 100)	21.75	Ordinary Airmail
	Siam ticals (per 100)	24.00	Manila, Cebu, Hongkong
	Nepi guilders (per 100)	2.00	Port of Sampang, Guam
ins.	Indonesian (per \$91)	18.03	and U.S.A. (Kowloon Cen-
			tral Post Office, 2 p.m.
			Bangkok, 6 p.m.

MR WALLACE CONDEMNS ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

Says Japan Will Be America's Next Ally

New York, March 27.—Mr. Henry Wallace, leader of the Progressive Party, today declared that the United States would be at war with Russia now if she has been bound in Asia by a treaty like the Atlantic pact which he characterised as a "war alliance" aimed at the Soviet Union. He implied that Japan would be America's ally should war come.

Luckily, said Wallace, "there was no pact binding us to Chiang Kai-shek. If there had been a treaty like the Atlantic pact covering the Far East we should now be at war with Russia on the Asiatic Mainland. As it is we have wasted billions in money of American taxpayers. More important, where once the name of America was held in highest honour, the Chinese people now regard us as their enemies. Millions of them hold us responsible for feeding the first of the civil war that might have been avoided."

Mr. Wallace spoke on a nationwide radio network in reply to Sen. Secretary Dean Acheson's defence of the pact on March 18. The former Vice-President said the Atlantic pact "moves the heart of America right up to the muzzle of the first gun fired in Europe. And it commits us without the right of deciding for ourselves to another European war."

NEXT ALLY?
In his next reference to Japan, Mr. Wallace asked, "Does anyone imagine that the Japanese with their emperor intact and his admirals and generals at his side, will be next on the list of American allies?"

This reference came right after his denunciation of Generalissimo Franco of Spain as the "creature of Hitler and Mussolini" who, Wallace said, "In November, 1944, first proposed in a letter to (Winston) Churchill a Western alliance against Russia... Fascist Spain

Vietminh Victories Denied

French Say Situation Is Under Control

Saigon, Mar. 27.—A French military spokesman here today denied claims to "numerous and striking victories" by the Vietminh (Indo-Chinese autonomy movement) in renewed warfare against the French in Tonkin, Northern Indo-China.

"We have the situation under control," the spokesman said. Earlier, Radio Vietnam, the mouth-piece of Moscow-trained Dr. Ho Chi-minh, the Vietminh leader, broadcast that Vietminh guerrillas were succeeding in the north-east and north-west sectors near the Chinese border.

Radio Vietnam later said it claimed 100 victories in Laos, 180 kilometres north-west of Hanoi, and Lang Son, 130 kilometres north-east of Hanoi.

SURRENDER DENIED
The French spokesman said he knew of no small French outposts which Radio Vietnam said had been destroyed 60 kilometres east of Lao Kay. "When Huangphaphi was attacked, we sent parachute reinforcements. We hold all the important positions," the spokesman said.

He said he was unaware of the encirclement and surrender of French troops near Lang Son as claimed by Radio Vietnam. According to French sources today, the Vietminh guerrillas aimed at controlling the key posts near the Chinese border, with the apparent objective of securing passage for contraband arms and eventual support from the Chinese Communists. The Red River and the Black River could be used as routes for penetrating the mountainous frontier district.

Another Vietminh objective, these sources said, was to neutralise the Thai area, where lived a pro-French ethnic minority of 600,000. Lao Kay would thus be a necessary objective if Vietminh planned to dislodge the French forces in Thai and cover its western flank.—Reuter.

Paraplegic Archers



The Duchess of Gloucester (left) watches two women paraplegics at archery to improve their sense of balance, at a hospital in England.

Discord At World Peace Conference

SOVIET DELEGATE DEFENDS HIS COUNTRY

New York, Mar. 27.—A speech at the "World Peace Conference" today suggested that Russia was as much to blame as the United States for any drift toward war and it brought the leader of the Soviet delegation to his feet with a hot denial.

Mr. A. A. Fadeev, head of the Soviet Writers Union, challenged the remarks of Dr. Frederick Schuman, professor of Political Science at Williams College, who had said both nations were suffering from "paranoia"—evading their own faults by shouting war-mongers at each other.

Mr. Fadeev said he was astonished at "certain aspects" of Professor Schuman's speech and asserted, "There are no elements in our country which desire war against the United States or any other country."

Defence of the Soviet Union drew a response from the crowd of 2,500 people gathered in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel for the plenary session, which was the first meeting of the parley except for the mass rally in Madison Square Garden scheduled for tonight.

MISTAKEN IMPRESSION
After Professor Schuman had spoken, Mr. Fadeev hurried to the microphone and spoke ex tempore. Professor Schuman indicated that, in his opinion, there are elements in the Soviet Union which to some extent are responsible for the menace to the world, just as he feels there are also responsible in the United States also responsible.

"I am a guest in your country, but I know you would want me to speak frankly on this matter. Professor Schuman is mistaken. There are no elements in our country which desire war against the United States or any other country."

The session passed two resolutions after booing down a man who rose from the audience to ask who was speaking for the United States at the conference.

OUT OF ORDER
The conference chairman, Dr. Harold Shapley, Harvard astronomer, ruled the man out of order, saying he wanted to "keep passion out of this."

The first resolution called for strengthening the United Nations as the best hope for peace and for co-operation by this group with other peace movements throughout the world.

The second resolution, whose preamble denounced racial discrimination, anti-Semitism, the trial of political groups and other barbaric obviously aimed at the United States, called for cultural freedom.

Dr. Shapley said it might seem that the resolution was too critical of the United States. He added: "We realised we had to set our own house in order first. We must have the moral strength to exercise world leadership."

A resolution calling for the organisation to send a delegation to the Intellectual Congress in Paris later this spring was turned over to the Action Committee.—United Press.

Uranium In Colliery?

Rochester, England, Mar. 27.—A Ministry of Supply expert has been asked to find out whether the magnetic ores discovered in Seaford Hill colliery, Kent, contain uranium.

The colliery owner, Leon Franchel, said today: "What are their possibilities in relation to atomic research? We cannot say without the necessary testing apparatus. We have asked the Ministry to send down one of their scientists to go over the whole place."

It had earlier been reported in London that uranium had been found in a Kent colliery. Mr. Franchel said a hotel some time ago to work Seaford Hill—which was small enough to escape nationalisation—after a Welsh mining engineer had noticed black rainwater there.—Reuter.

Mrs Gamboa Indignant

Melbourne, Mar. 27.—Mrs. Joyce Gamboa, the Australian wife of Filipino-born Sergeant Lorenzo Gamboa, of the United States Army, who has been refused entry to Australia, declared here today that the marriage lines should be changed to "Will Calwell do us part?"

She was referring to Mr. Arthur Calwell, the Australian Immigration Minister, who is reported to have refused a further request to allow the sergeant, serving in Japan, to visit his wife and family in the Commonwealth.

The request was said to have come from General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan. "I demand an explanation from Mr. Calwell," she declared. "If he is any sort of man he would at least let a girl his reasons. He is not going to fool me around any more."

"If he does not give me an explanation one way or the other, I am going to put the matter into legal hands. Once General MacArthur took it up, I thought things would be all right."—Reuter.

Auckland, Mar. 27.—Lord Listowel, the subject of whose discussions continues to be a deep secret, left Auckland for Sydney, Australia, by air this morning.—Associated Press.

Death Of Cancer Hero

New York, Mar. 27.—Mr. Henry Noble Hall, internationally known writer and lecturer, who became a "human guinea pig" in the study of atomic treatment of cancer, died here today at the age of 76.

Heavy doses of radio-active iodine from the atomic laboratories at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, arrested a cancer growth. But cancer also dropped up in Mr. Hall's pelvic bone and another part of his body, which complicated efforts for a complete cure.

At one point Mr. Hall got 400 milligrams of radio-active iodine during a 90-day period—the heaviest dose ever given an individual.

Milliecurie is 1/1000th of a gram and so called in honour of Madame Marie Curie who discovered radium.

Mr. Hall closely watched the technique and the doctors who worked with him and told the dramatic story of his experiences in his book, "My fight against cancer."

He once remarked: "I am pretty hard boiled, even for newspapermen and I don't frighten easily, but I was scared pink."—United Press.

Lloyds Register Merger

London, Mar. 27.—Lloyds Register of Shipping and the British Corporation Register of Shipping are to be amalgamated, Sir Ronald Garrett, Chairman of Lloyds Register, announced today.

The British Corporation will be merged with Lloyds Register under the title of "Lloyds Register of Shipping" and the British Corporation Register of Shipping will be a subsidiary.

Publication of the British Corporation Register book will be discontinued and the British Corporation staff will be merged with the staff of Lloyds Register. Some time will elapse before the fusion is complete.

Sir Ronald will remain Chairman of the amalgamated concern.

Lloyds Register, strengthened by the addition of the British Corporation, and the American Bureau of Shipping are now one of the two predominant, though independent, classification societies. They cover between them some 80 percent of the world's merchant tonnage.

Lloyds Register, established in 1760, reconstituted in 1834 and a worldwide organisation by the end of the 19th century, is much the oldest classification society in the world.—Reuter.

Willing To Assist

Madras, Mar. 27.—Mr. C. J. Camouly, Acting Commissioner in Pondicherry for French India, told the Representative Assembly that France is prepared to help her Indian possessions immediately with 30,000,000,000 Francs to meet her medical, social and educational uplift programmes.—Associated Press.

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Summer Time Agreement

Berlin, Mar. 27.—The Russians announced today that they would agree with the Western occupying power to put all Germany on Summer time on April 10. They expressed the hope that the added daylight would help to alleviate the electric power shortage in their blockade pinched occupation zone.

The Western Powers announced a week ago they were putting clocks ahead an hour next month in Western Germany and Western Berlin. While the Russians hesitated with a similar announcement the prospect existed that the divided city might have to cope with two time schedules.

But today, the Soviet Army Paper announced that Eastern Germany's clocks would be moved ahead too and promised relief from drastic power rationing for factories and homes, which had been imposed last Autumn. The new schedule will put all Germany two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.—Associated Press.

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SUBJECT: The 1949-50 Budget.

SPEAKER: Mr. T. A. Martin.

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